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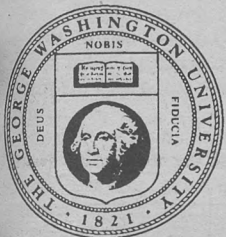
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Lewis loses battle with JEC; judges lift injunction

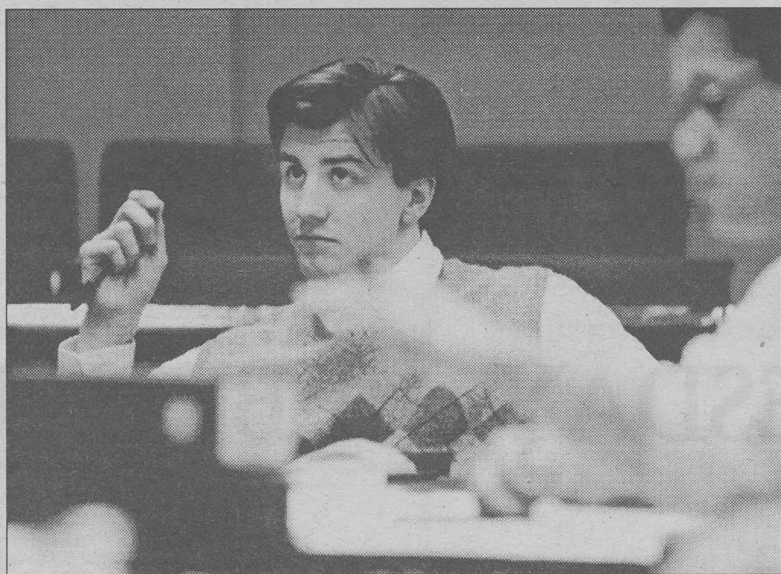
BY DONNA BRUTKOSKI
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Student Association presidential candidate Andrew Lewis lost a dispute with the Joint Elections Committee Tuesday night when the Student Court ruled 4-0 to lift an injunction on some of Lewis' campaign fines.

Details of the court's decision in *Lewis v. JEC* were not available Wednesday, but the ruling seemed to indicate that the Court will accept a wider range of power for the JEC, allowing it to hold potential candidates to committee rules beyond the official election season.

Lewis' suit said fines assessed against him for sending a campaign e-mail and handing out campaign materials in the Smith Center should be thrown out, since at the time of these incidents he was not yet an official candidate.

"An individual is not a candidate until he or she has filed a declaration of candidacy with the JEC," said David Petron, who acted as counsel for Lewis. "I understand the problems (the JEC) is faced with ... (but) only when a



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

The Student Association and President Damian McKenna won their case in Student Court Monday, keeping the amount of the vote required to win a campus election without a run-off at 40 percent.

student files for candidacy are they bound by the terms of the JEC charter."

Petron said the imposition of fines by the JEC for Lewis' violations constituted an "ex post facto law," meaning that the JEC had established the law after the fact. The JEC's final rules are set in place for each year's election season, and they did not go into effect this year until after Lewis' violations occurred.

"You write a charter and you make the language as clear as possible to avoid this," Petron said after arguing the case. "(The JEC) disregarded the language."

But as counsel for the JEC, Andy Norin argued that such a claim assumed Lewis had no idea that such rules ever existed. Rules against campaigning inside student buildings and using administrative e-mail to campaign have

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Constitution's plurality directive triumphs over JEC's move to majority

BY MATT BERGER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Student Association won the fight to protect what percentage of the vote a candidate must obtain to be elected, as the Student Court ruled against the Joint Elections Committee Monday night.

The Student Court ruled that the percentage required for a candidate to win without a runoff would remain at 40 percent, instead of the 50 percent urged by the JEC. The decision said the JEC did not have the authority to interpret that clause of the SA Constitution.

SA President Damian McKenna and Executive Vice President Dianne Gayoski cited the constitution, which states that "the president and executive vice president shall be elected by an at-large plurality of at least 40 percent of votes cast for those respective offices."

SA Vice President of Legislative and Judicial Affairs Shawn Stephens argued that the JEC should change the campaign rules, not election procedure.

"When the JEC is told that they have broad rule-making ability ... it gives the JEC the idea that they can do whatever they want and not be touched by the court," Stephens told the five-judge panel.

Stephens added that the JEC had stepped out of its boundaries.

JEC member Andrew Hamilton countered that the JEC had the mandate to make the elections as fair as possible.

"The JEC has intended to keep the best interest of students at all times," he said.

The unanimous decision will force the JEC to change the final rules to require candidates to acquire 40 percent of the vote to win without a run-off.

"That's what the system's here for," said Hamilton, who served as counsel for the JEC. "It will be quite interesting to see what their (written) ruling comes down as and on what basis they ruled the way that they did."

"It's no skin off our backs, we did what we thought was best for

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Hate mail plagues professors

GW English and history faculty receive anti-Semitic letter

BY STACEY FELSEN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

An anonymous letter attacking the world's Jewish community was sent to professors in the GW English and history departments Jan. 29.

The eight-page letter, entitled "Anti-Semitism - Found," was placed in the mailboxes of most English department professors, bearing a suburban Illinois postmark. The letter was sent with mailing labels through the U.S. mail system.

The letter, dated October 1995, attacks "the nature of the Jew," the Jewish media and Jewish academia. It accuses Jews of exaggerating and distorting stories about the Holocaust and calls Jewish people "the eternal enemy of mankind."

"The Jews ... are guilty and they know it. This is why it is incumbent upon us to alert as many of our fellow Americans as possible to the true nature of the Jews and their agendas," the letter reads. "It would be a tragedy of enormous dimensions if we sit back, do nothing, and allow these despicable people to lead us to our destruction."

"There are such people in the world and they send such things. And there is nothing we can do about it," said Rabbi Gerald Serotta of GW's Hillel Jewish student center.

Kim Moreland, acting associate dean of the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences and associate professor of English, found the letter "too disturbing and horrifying to read."

Moreland said she gave the letter to University Police immediately.

"I called for two reasons. One, I wanted to express moral outrage. Two, it seemed as though the letters were filled with so much hate and were very intrinsically scary. If you have people sending out this kind of information, people in the mail room should know so they can be careful," Moreland said.

According to Monica L. Stevens, a senior secretary at UPD, the letter is under investigation by University Police. Stevens confirmed that the letter was received by the English and history departments.

English professor Judith Plotz mailed a copy of the letter to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith's Washington, D.C., regional office.

The letter has been brought to the attention of the ADL by numerous regional offices around the country, according to Lesley Weiss, associate director of the ADL's Washington office.

The mailing has been sent to faculty members at Tulane University, the University of Notre Dame,

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Minorities raise their voices on campus

BY LEE RUMBARGER
NEWS EDITOR

Candidates introduced themselves to leaders of Asian student groups Monday night as potential unifiers of GW's diverse student population.

Though census statistics from the fall show that 36 percent of undergraduate and 43 percent of graduate students are international students or members of minorities, many from these groups say their needs are not met by campus leaders.

"Sometimes we can't help but feel left out," said Jill Tokuda, vice president of the Japanese Intercultural Network. "Asian Americans may feel apathetic because we're never really approached (by campus leaders)."

Rodney Salinas, Program Board executive chair and a member of the Philippine Cultural Society, addressed more than 20 Asian student leaders after each

candidate made a two-minute presentation.

"Tell these candidates that you do have a voice on this campus. Get out to your memberships ... get your memberships to vote," Salinas said.

Jae Choi, president of the Korean Student Association, told candidates that with a membership of 400 students, and access to a total of 800 students, his organization is "becoming a mini-SA." He urged candidates to be aware of the power of the Asian student voice and to strive to meet their needs once elected to office.

Salinas encouraged student leaders to foster a "proactive, outreach approach."

If a candidate could tap into the minority vote at GW, Salinas said, "what a landslide" the race would be.

He said Monday night's forum that brought together prospective

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Students concerned about absent CSAs

BY HEATHER HARE
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The lack of Community Service Aides in Madison, Crawford, Mitchell and Francis Scott Key residence halls is due to CSAs failing to report for duty, according to Dolores Stafford, director of University Police.

Some students are concerned about the lack of security when CSAs are not present to monitor who enters the buildings.

"About once a week I'll come in at 8 or 9 (p.m.) and there won't be anyone there," said freshman Carrie Truehart, a resident of Mitchell Hall. She said it bothers her because thefts have occurred in Mitchell.

A resident of Francis Scott Key Hall said her boyfriend, who is not a GW student, entered the building and walked up to her room because no CSA was there, and no other student stopped him.

The resident said it makes her nervous to know that anyone could walk into the building behind another student without being stopped.

Stafford said the number of CSAs has increased dramatically. Two years ago, there were 85 aides and this year there are 150, she said.

Assistant Director of Residential Life Paul Barkett said that "to the best of his knowledge," no clause is

in the leases that say students are entitled to security in the form of CSAs.

Stafford said the contingency plan UPD has set up is to schedule two extra people for every shift. If more than two CSAs fail to report for their shifts, UPD evaluates which dorms have "the least possibilities of problems," Stafford said.

Officers also are alerted when no CSA is on duty in a residence hall, Stafford said.

UPD has no system to decide which hall gets the available CSAs, Stafford said, but freshman halls are covered first.

She said that if a CSA does not report for duty two or three times, he or she is terminated. She said it is necessary to impress upon the CSAs the importance of their attendance.

Stafford said no students have come to her saying they are concerned for their safety in the dorms that frequently have no CSAs.

Freshman Melissa Horner, a resident of Madison Hall, said it doesn't bother her that a CSA is not always there.

Horner said having a CSA is bothersome at times because every non-resident has to be signed in when the CSA is there. She said she sometimes comes in at 2 a.m. and no CSA is there.

Interfraternity Council elects new leaders

The Interfraternity Council elected next year's leaders Tuesday night, with each fraternity president casting a vote representing his organization.

"This will be a great executive board. There's so much devotion in this group," current IFC president Dan Zmijewski said.

Ethan Baumfeld of Sigma Nu was elected president. The group also chose: Ed Allen of Theta Delta Chi, executive vice president; Matthew Schwartz of Kappa Sigma, vice president of rush; David Herman

of Tau Kappa Epsilon, vice president judicial; Sean Beaty of Kappa Sigma, vice president programming; Bill Burnham of Theta Delta Chi, vice president communication.

Zmijewski said these new officers will face resurrecting the idea of a self-governing board for members of Greek-letter organizations, organizing the IFC's treasury and providing strong programming.

"I wish them luck," Zmijewski said.

-Lee Rumbarger

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Q for president

It's "Q"-nanimous.

The Student Association president must be a person who can keep the organization focused on its basic goal — serving the students. The job requires a clear vision and the ability to get things done. But most of all, the SA president should be a man (or woman, but none are running this year) of the people.

That's the biggest reason why Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar is the best candidate for the job. From the time he stepped on campus, Golparvar has made his presence known through service both in the SA and on the Program Board, particularly by spearheading countless community initiatives.

Most importantly, Golparvar is the most approachable candidate. It seems as if everyone on campus knows Q, and more importantly, that he knows and can get along with everyone. His programming experience will help the SA get back to basics, and his genuine interest in individual students will help to change the sentiment that the SA is distant from the rest of GW.

Sophomore Adam Siple is a strong second to Golparvar. In less than a year of service on the SA Senate, Siple has already made his mark as an activist who has used his position to put together valuable events including Issues Awareness Night. We want to see Siple run again next year, or at least to stay closely involved with student government.

SA Vice President for Finance Andrew Lewis knows how the SA works — perhaps too well. Although Lewis may have some valuable experience, he is the ultimate fourth-floor insider, and we doubt his ability to make average students feel the SA is working for them.

The other two candidates, Jeff Butler and Terry Miller, have strong ideas but lack concrete evidence to show their plans will work. Miller's platform doesn't have a cohesive theme holding it together. Butler, although he has a good grip on the problems facing the average GW student, has few ideas of how he would address such problems.

Sayegh for EVP

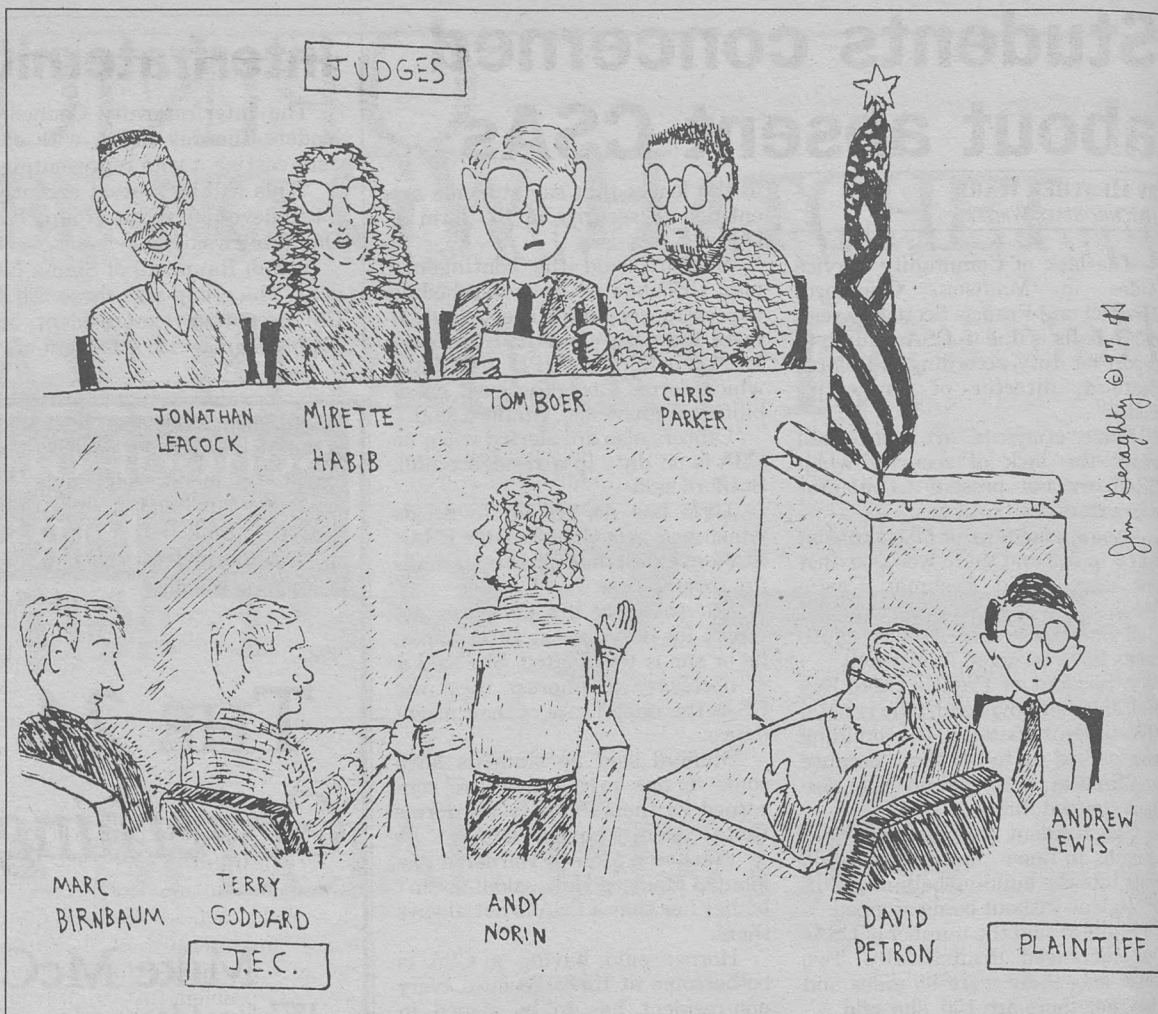
The job of SA executive vice president is something of a dichotomy. The EVP has to keep the Senate organized while at the same time offering dynamic policy suggestions. Junior Tony Sayegh has shown he can do both, and we believe he will bring the most to the position of EVP.

As the man who re-founded and served as chair of the GW College Republicans, Sayegh resuscitated a group that had been the victim of poor and unethical leadership. From there, he rebuilt the CRs into an enthusiastic group that traveled up and down the East Coast to campaign for Bob Dole last year. He has displayed organizational ability along with vision.

Sayegh will use that experience to offer all the SA's resources to student groups like his own. He also promises to foster communication between students and administrators through open forums. Sayegh's enthusiasm and political ability will serve the Senate well.

Law student Jahna Hartwig is also a strong candidate. Her experience on the Senate with issues like parking and the student Metrocard is invaluable to the SA. While Sayegh is a more dynamic candidate, Hartwig has a lot to offer. She should definitely stay involved and complete her work, either through a Cabinet position or possibly on the Senate again if a seat opens up next fall.

The final candidate, Indian Students Association President Kirti Patel, had an interesting proposal — the house of representatives, where leaders of student groups would get together to discuss issues. But on second glance, the house of reps isn't such a good idea. It would disperse student power too widely and add to an already burdened SA bureaucracy. Patel is a genuinely concerned student, but she lacks the political savvy to effectively lead the Senate.



Ever wonder what the Student Court is like? This is The GW Hatchet's best attempt at a courtroom sketch ... a clash worth watching, in our opinion. The cases are much more competitive than the men's team this year. (See story, front page.)

No more delays: we need cable in the residence halls right now

As the race for a new Student Association president begins, I would like to bring to attention an issue that I believe is of significant importance. That is the issue of cable television in the residence halls.

I am aware that the issue has been raised before and has been consequently rejected. However, I believe that a candidate willing to fervently pursue this issue would be a most worthy president. The SA president should only allow and accept a solid commitment from the University to do something about this issue. I believe that the SA is an organization dedicated to relaying and seeing through what the students want and believe they should rightfully have.

I am well aware of the numerous reasons the University gives for the absence of cable in the dorms. However, I am also even more aware of just how powerful this school is. I mean, we own the most land in the District next to

the federal government! That leads me to believe that if the University really wanted cable in the residence halls, then there would be cable in the residence halls.

Basically, I see the lack of cable in residence halls (among other

Jimmy Barrera

things) as an inconvenience. Whenever I want to catch "SportsCenter," I have to go to J Street or to the Thurston dining hall, which is just ridiculous. However, when GW markets itself to prospective students, it highlights the few conveniences that it does have and ignores the many and varying inconveniences that are quite common to the average student.

I believe many potential students would be interested in what the University really thinks about and how it really cares for its students. It becomes clearer to me each day that this school is actually not focused on bettering the life of the student here, which should be its first priority. In addition, GW does not care to be thrifty and efficient with every penny of the \$30,000 each student spends here.

I know that if I were aware of the hidden agenda of the school (GW's burgeoning real estate division and subsequent domination of the city), I would have seriously reconsidered my choice to attend here. Which leads me to my final word of advice to SA candidates and students in general: take on this issue, fight for it and make GW conform to what the students, not the administrators, want.

—Jimmy Barrera is a freshman majoring in political science.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Just the facts

I agree with the point of your editorial on The Washington Post's coverage of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's family history ("Private lives, The GW Hatchet, Feb. 10, p. 4). However, you got the main points of the story wrong, and that seems to me to be a pretty sloppy way to make a point.

Ms. Albright's grandparents did not convert to Catholicism or come to the United States. They were killed in the Holocaust. That was

one of the main points of The Post's story. It was her parents who converted, and it was prior to coming to the United States that they did so. The conversion occurred during World War II, when it was lethal to be Jewish in German-controlled territory.

—Kevin E. Davis
first-year graduate student, SBPM

Fans are sixth man

Many thanks to all those who came out and set a Smith Center

attendance record for last Saturday's women's basketball game. Our win over nationally ranked Western Kentucky put us back in the top 25. We could not have done it without your support!

On behalf of the players and GW women's basketball, I thank you. I hope you all come back to the Smith Center for our upcoming games: Thursday against Xavier, Saturday against Dayton and Monday against Georgetown.

—Joe McKeown, head coach
women's basketball

OPINION

Enough already about shoe tree; Hatchet, campus must move on

I am writing in response to the article and illustration in the Feb. 10 edition of The GW Hatchet ("The shoe tree debacle goes on," p. 4). It is a disgrace that such a widely read publication such as yourself consistently prints false or misconstrued information.

Michael Brown's piece in the same issue ("Negative media coverage promotes campus pessimism," p. 5) states an important fact: "Don't think that The (Hatchet) is your only news source here - until the staff publicizes important and practical news" The Hatchet, which is a biased and noncredible source, is in many cases the only campus news source many students read - and this is sad.

"The shoe tree debacle goes on" only in the eyes of the uninformed, i.e., anyone who has followed the shoe tree issue through The Hatchet. Heather Hare is misinformed. One person at a rally voiced her opinion about many shoe trees, and it was then seen as a Womyn's Issues Now crusade. The situation has given fraternities and WIN a bad name. Both have repeatedly defended themselves, though The Hatchet printed fewer pieces by WIN members and fewer correct statements about WIN, and both continued to be misconstrued in the publication.

Heather Hare has said professors and staff should be addressed. They have. Those situations are dealt with more tactfully, i.e. not through The Hatchet, so not many hear of those times and then people think they have never been dealt with. WIN and especially Charlotte Hernandez have not "wasted their time" only on a shoe tree. Hernandez has engaged in a vast myriad of actions in the light of furthering women's empowerment, stopping misogyny and trying to educate people on so many issues affecting students, women, people.

If only people would look into her four years here and see her positive impact on this sheltered community. Charlotte has furthered women's issues on campus - though this trivial situation has been drawn out and shadows other efforts.

WIN has contacted Delta Tau Delta President Tyler Green, the whole Greek-letter community and other organizations across campus on many occasions. Many WIN events have been co-sponsored by the Panhellenic Association. Not many people seem to care to look into WIN's history of other actions taken. People are judging from statements made by other uninformed people.

Melissa Hermann

The fraternities think they need a personal invitation for many things. The fraternities had the opportunity to take the shoes down. They were notified and then were to be charged if they did not do it themselves. Further action was taken because they did not remove the shoes themselves.

As for Steve Zarpas, he is obviously regurgitating what some brother has told him - in an unbiased way of course. Steve may have put the first, old-fashioned shoes into the Delts' tree, but if it has gone on for 15 years would the amount of shoes presently in the tree seem to be 15 years' worth? Shoes have fallen; think of 15 years of many outdated shoes hanging tenuously on rotten strings in a violent wind storm, heavy with ice or perhaps nudged over by a bird. It is a hazard; shoes have fallen. It is documented.

There are other explanations for why the shoes are in the trees, such

as the story that they represent the trials of rush week. But then why are not other male articles of clothes in the tree also? WIN may be destroying this meaningful tradition, but I think that an organization so concerned with community service and the like, such as this and other fraternities, can find many more constructive traditions to follow and espouse onto their young following.

Zarpas' response shows that he has received information from a current student (or he is an avid Hatchet reader) because he mentions the "shaken college girls" coming from fraternity parties. That came from a misconstrued idea also. He would not know this quote unless he was told of it. Zarpas should have helped his fraternity solve the problem instead of trying to defend his act and insulting the actions of another.

There have been communications between the Greek-letter community and WIN. There has been co-sponsorship of events between them and WIN with other campus organizations. Any reader of The Hatchet is not getting a clear picture of the "shoe tree situation" or of any event on which The Hatchet reports.

No more Unneeded attention should be placed on the fraternities. The city is handling its property, the tree. There are more issues with which to be dealt aside from ones already "cleared up" in the past. It is past; it is done; move on.

-Melissa Hermann is a freshman majoring in international communications.

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I am writing to ask you to consider spending your next two years teaching in an under-resourced urban or rural public school.

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our nation's leaders. Now, having seen first-hand the circumstances facing children everywhere, from South Central Los Angeles to the Mississippi Delta to the South Bronx, I am only more passionate about our mission.

It is impossible to capture in a short letter what we have learned about the severity of challenges facing some of our nation's young people. Suffice it to say that they do not have anything near the opportunity to attain an excellent education. They need more teachers who hold high expectations for them, who are creative in spite of a lack of resources and who are committed to doing whatever it takes to reach them. At the same time, our nation at large needs leaders who are committed to effecting needed systemic changes.

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Others are in law, medicine, public policy and corporate America, where they have a rare commitment to changing the circumstances in urban and rural areas.

I'm writing now to call upon you to become part of this movement and to help build our country's future. Whether you are already on track to a secure job or are still searching for the right opportunity, I hope you will apply to Teach for America.

Application must be postmarked by March 3 and are available through your career service office, our national office or our web site at <http://www.teachforamerica.org>. For more information, please contact Michele Mallardi at (800) 832-1230, extension 225.

Thank you for considering this. The decision you make in the next few weeks could change the rest of your life and the lives of some of our nation's most promising children.

-Wendy Kopp is the founder of Teach for America.

Wendy Kopp

Don't go easy on Colonial men, but don't give up on them, either

The men's basketball team beat Old Dominion Tuesday night, but judging by the atmosphere in the Smith Center, it almost seemed like just another loss.

As a rabid GW fan for four years, it startled me a little to see such apathy in the stands. Then again, I was among those who chose - for the first time at a men's game since 1995 - not to stand up for the duration of the game. One student who's been a fixture in the front row of the Smith Center stands even wore an Old Dominion T-shirt and rooted against the home team.

Are we fickle fans? Or are the Colonials really this undeserving of our appreciation? I've been pondering this question, and I've decided the answer is a little of both.

The fact that the fans were sitting down rather than standing is a telling symbol of what's going on in the Smith Center. I think a lot of fans feel the team has to earn such rabid support. The message is: When the

team steps up its game, then we'll step up our fandom.

We're used to the GW men winning. Especially since last year, when we owned the Smith Center. No one could come on our turf and beat us, not even top-10 teams like Virginia Tech. I think that to some extent, the fans feel the Smith Center just isn't the same when we don't dominate it.

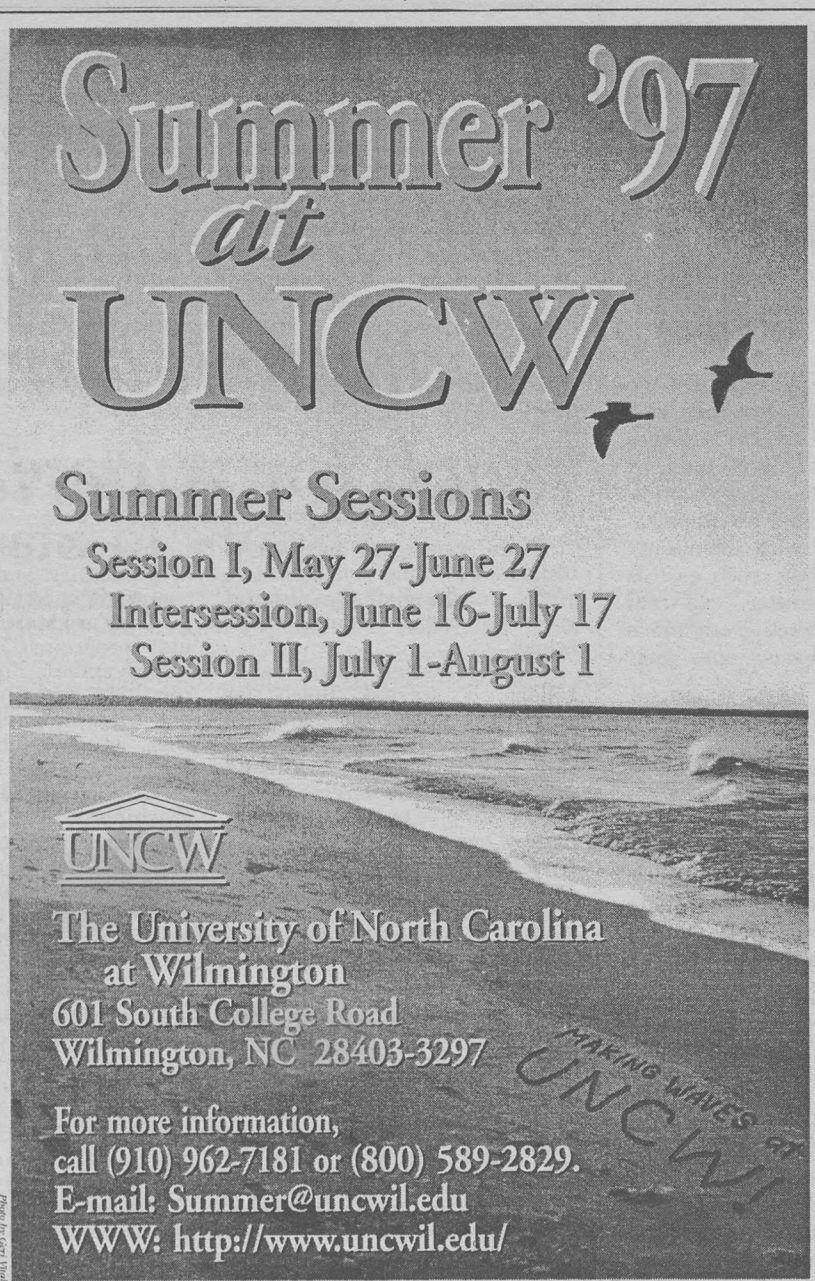
But this year, the team's luck just hasn't been the same. I think a lot of fans wonder why a team with such talent isn't performing up to expectations. But we're not at practice every day, so we really can't know for sure what's going on.

What we can do is continue to show up and root for our boys. And our girls. (Please, no angry letters about the term "girls." I'm just going for a little parallel structure here.) If you're not happy with the way the men are playing, try going to a few women's games. You'll feel your spirits lift almost immediately.

-Donna Brutkoski is editorial page editor of The GW Hatchet.

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D.C. history class goes interactive

BY SHRUTI DATE
HATCHET REPORTER

A new interactive course offered at GW allows anyone with Internet access to delve into the issues that plague Washington, D.C.

The Washington D.C.: History, Culture and Politics City Renewal Project, the first project of its kind at the University, presents the curriculum of professor Howard Gillette's course on the World Wide Web.

"I have taught this course for several years, the only difference is that it is on the Internet now," Gillette said, noting that the Web site was the logical "next step" to take.

The site includes the class syllabus, a section called "Breaking News and Latest Events," historical resources, a bulletin board to post messages and tape recordings of each class session to connect students and other people interested in Washington, D.C., to the classroom.

"(The course) looks into a larger dialogue of why Washington D.C. is in trouble ... and its civic renewal," Gillette said.

Amanda Huron, a production assistant at the Soundprint Media Center, takes care of the technical aspects of the class, such as recording every class and putting it on the Web.

"(The Web site) gives people who are not taking the class access to the class ... it is also a way to continue the discussion outside of class," Huron said.

The interactive site helps stu-

dents to further their understanding of the issues addressed in the class.

"Most of the people that come to lecture in the class keep us updated (on the Web site) about what they are doing," said Jeremy Hangst, a student in the class.

"Through the bulletin board any questions you have get answered either by the speaker or by someone else in the class," said Troy Miller, another student. "The information we are getting gives us a good foundation to solve the problems."

Students in the class work in small groups with the guidance of one of the course's three teaching assistants to research and present projects on issues such as the effects of tourism in Washington, D.C.

"This is (the students') project, my goal is to guide them," teaching assistant Carolyn Brucken said. "This is a direct hands-on project, and they are acting as the public."

The class also offers a wide range of speakers who enhance the students' understanding of the city's problems. Speakers so far have included D.C. Agenda Chairman James Gibson, George Mason University professor Stephen Fuller, former Albuquerque Mayor David Rusk and Josh Wyner of the Appleseed Foundation.

"The country does not know what the problems of the city are," Wyner said. "I think that it is great that there are people who have not grown up in D.C. and are only going to be here for four years learning about the problems."

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Etzioni, panel discuss modern morality

BY JIM GERAGHTY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

"Are you living in a zero-sum world in which more moral order means less personal liberty or are they mutually supportive?" asked GW political science professor and noted communitarian author Amitai Etzioni Wednesday afternoon.

More than 130 GW professors, students and public policy analysts crammed into a Marvin Center conference room to listen to a panel discuss Etzioni's latest book, *The New Golden Rule*, and the state of communitarian issues today.

The panelists included visiting scholar from the American Enterprise Institute John Fonte; columnist E.J. Dionne of *The Washington Post*; Georgetown University's Dean of Faculty R. Bruce Douglas; George Mason University's Hirst Scholar from the Institute of Public Policy Francis Fukuyama; and senior editor of the *Weekly Standard* David Brooks. The discussion was moderated by GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg.

"I would recommend you read

the last chapter first," Etzioni said in his opening remarks. "I found I liked the last chapter best, and the next-to-last chapter second best, and so on. Perhaps this is because I wrote the book originally in Hebrew," he joked.

On a more serious note, he pointed out that his work in communitarianism raises more new questions than it provides answers. "We want an orderly world, not just in the legal sense but in the more profound, social sense ... How do we find new shared understandings that will guide us into the future?"

Dionne said he admires communitarianism for "shaking up our political debate." He described Etzioni's work as "an effort to rescue modernity from problems that communitarians have recognized."

Brooks described himself as a "recovering communitarian." He has spent time in Belgium as a journalist, a culture he said he considers quite communitarian in its values.

"I now try to defend the world from Belgian cultural hegemony," he joked. "There's not much national fervor in Belgium. In fact, there's not much fervor at all ..."

McCurry, Fitzwater to discuss news cycle

White House press secretary Mike McCurry, former White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater and CNN senior Washington correspondent Charles Bierbauer will discuss "The 24-Hour News Cycle: Governing in the Information Age" Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in Marvin Center room 405.

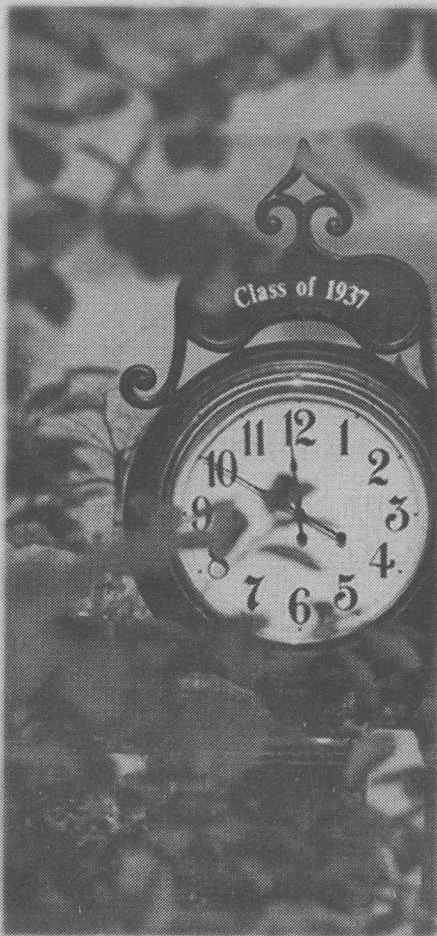
The panel discussion marks the first anniversary of the School of Media and Public Affairs, which was formerly the National Center for Communication Studies.

"The name change was at the request of the NCCS faculty," said NCCS director Jarol Manheim in the Feb. 11, 1996, edition of *The GW Hatchet*. "The name does a better job of capturing what we do."

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SA Senate passes student group allocations

Independence Magazine protests its mid-year funding

BY BECKY NEILSON
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The Student Association Senate passed a bill Tuesday night outlining its mid-year student group allocations, but rejected an amendment to provide additional money to an

organization that was unhappy with its funding.

The staff of *Independence Magazine* requested that the Senate amend its finance bill to include an additional \$540 allocation to the publication.

Graduate Sens. Emily Cummins

(CSAS) and Scott Haggard (SBPM) proposed an amendment to the bill that would take \$5 from each of the student groups that received a mid-year adjustment to create a \$260 allocation for *Independence Magazine*. The amendment failed, 11 votes to nine.

Independence Magazine, which was formerly a publication of the American Collegiate Conservatives and now operates as a separate entity, was allocated \$340 during the Senate's mid-year review, but staff members said a \$540 funding increase would provide them with the money required to publish one issue of the paper.

Independence Magazine's staffers said the Senate should have spent more time discussing the finance bill, which was debated for only 20 minutes after Finance Committee Chair J.P. Blackford motioned to limit debate on the issue.

"For the entire Senate to decide on \$11,000 in allocations in that amount of time is a fraud," said Nick Provenzo, editor in chief of *Independence Magazine*. "Nobody has enough time to think objectively in that little time."

Though many student organizations have protested the SA's mid-year allocations, only *Independence Magazine* voiced its complaints at Tuesday's meeting.

"J.P. has made it a mission not to fund *Independence Magazine*," Provenzo said.

Several senators made proposals to shift funds to *Independence Magazine*, but Blackford said the Finance Committee was hesitant to stray from the figures it presented.

"I think the Senate needs to keep in mind the amount of time that the Finance Committee spends considering the allocations," Blackford said. "We had a lot of resources in front of us when we made the decisions - we had the organizations' budgets."

Several students who attended the meeting expressed disapproval of the Senate's decision to limit debate.

"I think they're really hypocritical," said Philip Klein, news editor

of *Independence Magazine*. "I've spoken to SA officials, and they always say they want to open discussion to other people. But they make it so incredibly difficult to have public debate."

In other business, the Senate passed a resolution to support recycling initiatives on campus. The resolution calls for the cooperation of the SA, the University administration, Facilities Management, ARAMark and the Institute for the Environment to standardize and enhance recycling in residence halls and other campus buildings.

Cummins introduced two bills that would amend SA bylaws to prevent student groups from using SA-allocated money to fund campaign endorsements or candidate forums. The bills will be reviewed by the Rules and Finance committees before being presented to the Senate.

In addition, SA President Damian McKenna also told the Senate that two people have been appointed to investigate the recent leak of an internal memorandum to The GW Hatchet.

"It's a waste of time that I even have to say this," McKenna said. He added that officials who were discovered to have leaked the memo would be immediately dismissed from the executive branch or impeached from the Senate.

Undergraduate Sen. Lance Rothenberg (CSAS) called for the Senate to concentrate more on its business than on the in-fighting and negativity that has characterized the past few weeks.

"This has been a particularly tense meeting," Rothenberg said. "There have been a lot of petty comments and a lot of petty tactics in the SA office. We should stop bickering amongst ourselves."

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NOW president speaks of women's victories

BY RACHEL SELIGMAN
HATCHET REPORTER

"If there's a glass ceiling for women, there is a steel wall for people of color" in high-power positions, National Organization for Women President Patricia Ireland told students Tuesday evening in a lecture at the GW Law School.

Ireland called California's passage of Proposition 209, which prohibits preferential treatment in state or public employment or education, a "harbinger of things to come" in an approaching attack on affirmative action. She said it is part of the backlash on women's rights. "With all the gains we've made," she said, "it shouldn't surprise us that there is a backlash."

"I want to celebrate, but also sound an alarm. We need to keep the pressure on."

Ireland spoke about recent events affecting women. She said plans to separate men and women in military basic training — stemming from the alleged rapes and sexual assaults at the U.S. Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland — would not eliminate the problem.

Ireland also told anecdotes about her work in the feminist movement and talked about her new book, *What Women Want*. She said earlier in her life she had not recognized discrimination and cited an incident when Pan Am, where she had worked for many years, would not give health benefits to her husband, but would provide them to the wives of male employees.

She also named gains that the women's movement has championed, like the Violence Against Women Act, signed by President Clinton in 1994, which she said recognized the violation of women's civil rights.

"We have changed language and culture in order to inspire young girls as well as young boys," Ireland said. "Firemen are now firefighters and mailmen are mail carriers."

"We have broken through all-male bastions like the Supreme Court and (all-male military academies) VMI and the Citadel."

Ireland also named things she said still need to be changed. Women still make 75 cents to every male dollar, she said, and men's

wages have stayed the same while women's have lost ground. She said most women in politics do not have children, although most of the men in office do.

"For women to get elected into office, they have to be childless and have a dirty house," she said.

Ireland asked the law students in the audience to use their talents to work for women's rights and she urged them to run for office or get politically involved.

"There are lots of trade-offs and there are lots of hard times ... but the end result is so well worth it," she said.

Third year law student Tracy Egoscue said she was impressed with Ireland's speech.

"I thought she was great ... I think it's interesting to listen to her because she is very calm, yet she has a lot of passion," Egoscue said. "I'm graduating and trying to figure out what to do with my life and it's really difficult as a female professional. I'm really glad she talked about things like that."

"I liked the way she talked about the whole issue of affirmative action. I'm from California and I think that has a particular significance to me. I like the way she thinks of it as a women's issue," she added.

"I thought she was a very articulate speaker and she made some good points," said first year law student Nathan Smith. "I had heard she was a very interesting and provocative speaker and I was interested in hearing what she had to say."

Women's studies professor Bonnie Morris said she had seen Ireland speak many times before. "She's an ideal speaker ... I see both women and men in debate who have not bothered to become polished speakers. I think that's a really important skill for students to develop," she said.

"Learning to be confident and to connect with the audience is easier said than done, so I think she's been a terrific leader because that's one of her most effective areas."

The speech was sponsored by The Enrichment Program and the Law Association for Women and was given as part of Belva Lockwood Week, celebrating the first woman graduate of the GW Law School.

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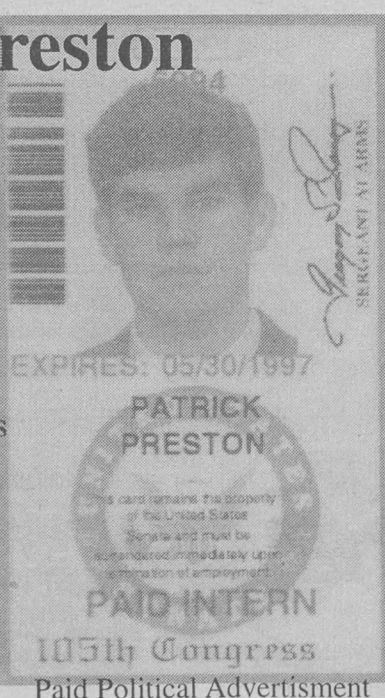
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Brady urges tougher gun laws, new attitudes

Wife of Reagan press secretary speaks at med school

BY AN NGUYEN
HATCHET REPORTER

Sarah Brady, wife of former press secretary Jim Brady, who was paralyzed in an assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan in 1981, spoke of gun con-

trol issues and their connection to the health care industry Wednesday in Ross Hall.

The event was presented by the GW Committee on Health Policy and the Phi Delta Epsilon medical fraternity.

Brady described various educa-

tional programs, but devoted much of her talk to the lobbying efforts of Handgun Control Inc., the organization she chairs.

"We do not believe in banning weapons as a whole," Brady said. Instead, she called for tougher regulations which, coupled with

changing attitudes, would make a difference in the gun control problem. The aim of the regulations, Brady said, is to keep guns out of the hands of known criminals, felons, children and those adjudicated to be mentally ill.

Brady spoke about the seven-year effort to pass the Brady Bill, gun control legislation requiring a five-day waiting period and mandatory background check.

"The Brady Bill has stopped over 100,000 prohibited purchasers from buying guns over the counter," Brady said.

That bill, along with the crime bill and national ban on assault weapons, has been responsible for a decrease in crime over the last two years, Brady said.

Crimes involving guns have decreased more than any other kind of violent crime since the legislation was passed, Brady added.

In addition to gun control legislation, Brady described the lobby's efforts to get manufacturing regulations and gun safety laws passed.

"A teddy bear or colored 'Tickle-Me-Elmo' has 12 different kinds of regulations ... for guns, there are no regulations for manufacturing of any kind," Brady said. "Eventually, we'd like to see guns treated like cars, with licensing, fingerprint background checks, registration



Dave Flintzen/Photo Editor

Sarah Brady

and mandatory safety training."

When asked how the health care industry could get involved, Brady urged the audience to "make gun control an issue" with their individual congressmen and to get involved with local organizations such as the Ronald Reagan Institute, Positions for Social Responsibility and Handgun Control, Inc.

CORRECTION

The story "Candidates take a stand at Thurston," on the front page of the Feb. 10 edition of The GW Hatchet should have identified Amina Chaudary as a candidate for Marvin Center Governing Board. The same story should have identified Josh Eisenman as a candidate for Elliott School of International Affairs undergradu-

ate senator.

In addition, the story "Former student files lawsuit against GW," on the front page of the same issue should have identified Robert Kenney as acting dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. The same story should have identified Susan Sell as a professor in the doctoral program.

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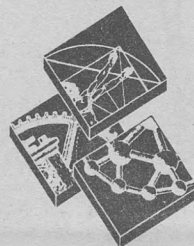
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WEEKEND

Unique film idea destroyed by plot

BY TONY HILTON
WEEKEND WRITER

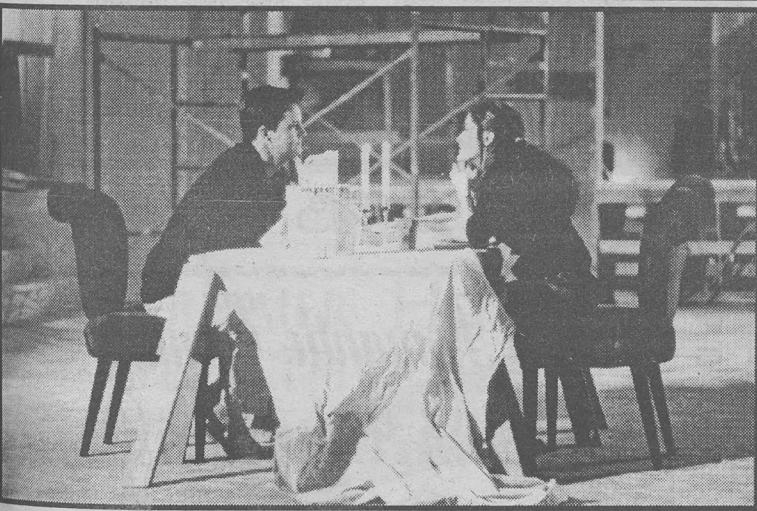
Movies with fresh and different plotlines are hard to come by in this age of mind-numbing, big-budget blockbusters. *Dangerous Ground* (New Line Cinema) definitely brings an interesting, new idea to the screen, but it is unfortunate that the film's uniqueness is buried by an inane plot and poor writing.

The main character in the film, Vusi (Ice Cube, *Friday*), is a South African exile who fled to the United States to avoid being killed for his political rhetoric against the South African government.

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Vusi is called back to his native land 12 years later to bury his father, but after living in the United States, he finds his country of origin to be a different place. He finds a country that is still racially divided, but now infected with a radically new set of problems, namely crime and drugs.

(See ICE, p. 8)



Matthew Perry and Salma Hayek get married before actually falling in love in the trite *Fools Rush In*.

Only Fools Rush In to see Perry, Hayek

BY ERIN J. PIETROWSKI
WEEKEND WRITER

With failure after failure of our male "Friends" in their attempted leaps from TV screen to big screen (David Schwimmer in *The Pallbearer* and Matt LeBlanc in *Ed*), some may begin to wonder why they try any more. That being said, Matthew Perry may be the only male friend with movie star status in him.

Perry's new romantic comedy, *Fools Rush In* (Columbia Pictures), is a run-of-the-mill film with an overdone storyline. But there is something about it that's endearing and, well, cute. Perry plays Manhattan nightclub developer Alex Whitman, who is sent to Las Vegas for a few months to build a new nightclub. Salma Hayek (*Desperado*) plays Isabel Fuentes, a struggling photographer and the object of Whitman's lust.

It's your basic romantic comedy formula. Boy meets girl. Boy gets girl pregnant. After knowing each other for basically two nights, boy marries girl with Elvis as a witness. A short period of bliss ensues, but as all romantic comedies go, a misunderstanding occurs and boy and girl part ways. As fate would have it, boy and girl get back together and live happily ever after. Don't get mad that I gave the ending away, because it's not hard to figure out.

With a predictable plot, any charm the film has must come from the characters. Hayek plays the beautiful, feisty, stereotypical Mexican and Perry plays the witty, wise-cracking, stereotypical New Englander. Director Andy

(See FOOLS, p. 4)

A guy's guidebook to Valentine's Day plans

BY GREG STERN
WEEKEND WRITER

If your idea of a romantic Valentine's Day consists of taking your special someone to a bar, buying her a microbrew and giving her a card made on recycled paper, then you need to listen up.

This great city is full of wonderful, romantic spots that must have been inspired by Cupid himself.

No matter where you end up, the evening should start with flowers. The general rule is simplicity, uniqueness and quality. If you haven't already ordered some, get on the stick and visit Tony's Flowers, 1928 I St., N.W.; Flowers By Sondra, 534 23rd St., N.W.; or Watergate Florist, 2548 Virginia Ave., N.W.

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After the flowers convince her that you are a somewhat decent guy, you should really woo her with reservations at the right restaurant. To make this ordinary Friday a stupendous one, I suggest the courting par-take in one of the following cozy and convenient neighborhoods — Old Town Alexandria, Va., Georgetown or good old Foggy Bottom.

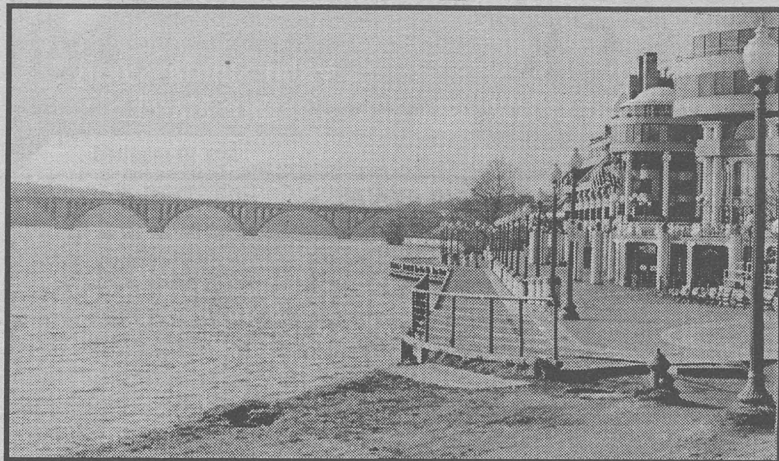
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Old Town boasts a perfect blend of charming restaurants, home-owned shops and waterfront views that rival the most romantic cities in France. Yet one of the best parts is the drive to Old Town itself. There is a Metro stop (King Street on the Blue Line) for the car-impaired, but driving or taking a cab allows you to enjoy the scenic drive along the George Washington Parkway.

Once you're in Alexandria, several restaurants may catch your fancy, but I strongly recommend 219 — at 219 King Street — for a wonderfully ornate dining experience.

219 has two main dining areas. One is outside with heat lamps to keep diners warm on cold winter nights, and the other is inside with fine art and two fireplaces. As you sit among the burgundy drapes and fine china, you will be amazed by how casual and relaxed you feel. Perhaps it's the Billy Holiday playing softly in the background or maybe it's your eyes being drawn to the flambé desserts being eaten all around you.

The menu consists mainly of New Orleans Creole food and boasts crab meat cooked in more ways than Bubba's shrimp in *Forrest Gump*. The quality of food ranges from pleasurable to mouth-watering, while the



Claire Duggan ▲

The Washington Harbor area, three blocks from Georgetown's main drag, is a perfect place for an after-dinner stroll.

service and atmosphere are a sure bet every time. The average dish carries a price tag of \$16-\$22, but for the seasoned veteran of relationships who needs an extravagant restaurant to express his love, 219 is your restaurant.

With the Capitol and Washington Monument in the skyline, you may enjoy an after-dinner walk on the waterfront for a glimpse of the stars and the planes landing in the distance. A couple of small parks are by the water if you want to sit on a bench and enjoy the view. Or if you're in the mood to snuggle, catch a ride on one of the horse carriages that trot through Old Town.

The Saigon Inn

If your date is aspiring to the status of "special someone," you require an evening getting to know one another. I suggest the comfortable and familiar Georgetown. Surprise her with a restaurant that is quaint

and unique, such as Saigon Inn, 3057 M St., N.W. At this authentic Vietnamese restaurant, the atmosphere is not too romantic but the food is guaranteed to be delicious.

The Saigon Inn's prices are reasonable — \$6-\$14 — and the service is consistently attentive, without being intrusive. The house specialty dishes, such as the Chef Specialty with rice paper pancakes, vegetarian dumplings or the grilled squid, are the most entertaining to eat and will definitely provide fodder for conversation if need be.

After dinner, stroll down M Street to Barnes and Noble, 3040 M St., N.W., for some coffee, or head down Thomas Jefferson Street toward Washington Harbor. As you walk along the harbor, feel the rush of living in Washington as you view the beautiful Potomac River with the Kennedy Center and Roosevelt Island in plain view.

If you have the time and the (See ROMANCE, p. 4)

No date or cash? Rent some flicks

BY HEATHER HARE
WEEKEND WRITER

It's Valentine's Day again and all you've got is \$3 and some change. Whether you're alone and wishing you had a little sumpin' sumpin', or cooingly coupled with your snugglebunnies, a few bucks are enough to make an evening out of a trip to the video store. Here are some suggestions on what to rent, but the Boone's and popcorn cost extra.

For the Pretty Pair who want some sap:

- *When Harry Met Sally* — The best best-friend-turned-couple movie. Stars Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal.
- *Say Anything* — John Cusack. Need I say more?
- *The Night We Never Met* — You'll wonder why you've never heard of it before. Stars Matthew Broderick and Annabella Sciorra.
- *An Affair to Remember* (1957) — A guy suggested this, so don't groan. It's beautiful. Stars Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr.
- *Love Affair* (1994) — If you can't handle the older black-and-white classic *An Affair to Remember*, try this one. Stars Warren Beatty and Annette Bening.
- *I.Q.* — May be a bit cute for the sapless male. Stars Meg Ryan, Tim Robbins and Walter Matthau as Albert Einstein.
- *Sleepless in Seattle* — Meg Ryan (again) and Tom Hanks make this love story a little less than ridiculous.

(See MOVIES, p. 5)

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sorry, Diana, for everything but
know that I only want you.
From H.H.H.

If you like Piña Coladas and
getting caught in the rain... I'm
the love that you've looked for.
Write to me and escape. - Your
Soldierboy

To my favorite Hatchet
females: Keep smiling and visit
me upstairs! Dara: Don't cry for
me Argentina! I promise to
learn the words. Love, Matt

Dear Stinky, We've been
together for about 17 months,

and we still drive each other
crazy, but further in love.
Nooky-nooky for me? Love,
your NY Bear.

In the stillness of the cool night
air,
and angel sleep inside my
bones...

I need a word to say what I
can't say. A&F

To: Yana Polischuk
Roses are Red, Violets are
Blue; You're a great sister, and
that's why I Love You
Happy Valentine's Day.
Love, Avi

To all of my roommates next
year: Melina, Vanessa, Missy,
Kristina & Becca - Happy V
Day! love, Margaret

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Annie, Emily,
Heather and Margaret: Roses
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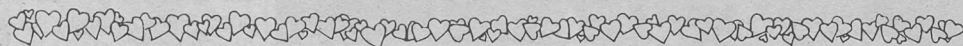
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But through it all, you are still
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have ever known! I love you
forever and a day. Dennis

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on V-Day dinners sure was
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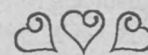
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Hilary -It may have taken awhile, but you are definitely worth the wait. Love, Joe

Pookie - Happiness is knowing that we'll be together, in love, forever. You make me complete! I love you always!! L&BWSK, Babydoll

Andrew the Shadow - Dark eyes that haunt the soul, a dark smile that steals the heart, a manner that captivates the

being, I am your already - an admirer

To m sensational sorors of the Mu Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta - Happy Valentine's Day - All my love - LS #7

Bogen: I think this is ridiculous yet I still do this for you! Happy Valentine's Day, sweetie. Love - Sue

Mona Meha - Stop being a racist and be my valentine.

Dear Lisa, Thank you for everything. You have made the past year and a half very special. Hope you have a wonderful Valentine's Day. I love you, Jason.

To the writers upstairs, we, the beauties in the production office adore you, but PLEASE get your stories in on time so we can leave sometime before dawn!

To the Delta Gamma girls and their spring pledge class - you rock my world (and I'm sure Grant's too)! Anchors & Love, your little Hannah (the pledges should get a treat for this one!)

Steph, Sabs, and Melissa - I love y'all! (You win!) One more month 'til Spring Break! Paige - "There are big ships and little ships but the best ships are friendships"

Ben, I'm so sad you didn't write me a Valentine!

To Krist and Eddie on el dia se San Valentin, "The course of true love never did run smooth." -William Shakespeare A Midsummer Night's Dream, Love, Trisha and Biljana



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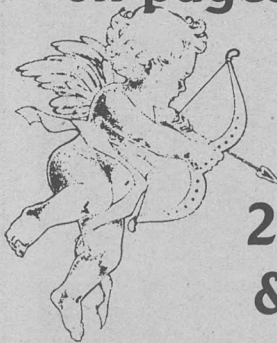
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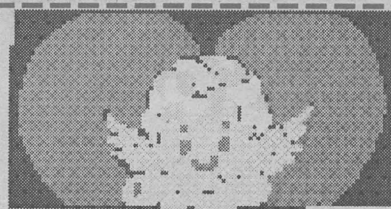
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'Shear Madness' still delightful in ninth year

BY CINDY MORRIS
WEEKEND WRITER

If you have a free night sometime, walk over to the Kennedy Center and see the famous comedy thriller, "Shear Madness." Do not worry if you are a little busy right now and cannot get right over there. The show is not going anywhere. In fact, it has not gone anywhere for nine-and-a-half years. And for good reason.

"Shear Madness" is America's hilarious whodunit in

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crime. The show is set in a unisex hair-styling salon, the scene of a wacky murder. The play is filled with up-to-the-minute spontaneous humor and is different every time you see it.

The plot is simple. In the first act, the audience meets six characters — Tony, a flamboyantly gay barber; Barbara, a tough-doll beautician; Eddie, a shady antique dealer; Mrs. Shubert, a customer; and two other salon patrons who are soon revealed to be detectives. They are there to stake out the building's upstairs tenant, Isabel Czerny, a reclusive concert pianist.

Roses are red, violets are blue,
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But then the unseen Isabel is murdered. OK, whodunit? The jokes range from physical comedy, such as the shampoo girl burrowing her giggling breasts into a hapless customer's face while she leans over him to rinse his hair, to local jokes, such as the wealthy socialite customer's response to a question about what her husband does for a living: "He's a diplomat. He doesn't do anything."

Much of the humor is improvised and often so shocking that even the actors are forced to stop for a second to suppress their own laughter.

Written by German playwright Paul Portner in 1963, "Shear Madness" was originally a serious murder mystery. In 1979, it was adapted by Marilyn Abrams and Bruce Jordan, who acquired world stage, film and television rights. It has been performed in 16 states and 15 countries in six languages. "Shear Madness" is also recognized in the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the longest running non-musical play in American theater history.

The show is wonderful and without a doubt recommended for all to see. It's not your regular run-of-the-mill play. It's fun. Actors talk to the audience and consult with members during the intermission to solve the crime. "Shear Madness" continues seven days a week at 8 p.m. at the Kennedy Center. Tickets range from \$25-\$29, with half-price discount tickets available to students and senior citizens the night of each performance.

Romance is easy with this guide

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weather is nice, take an elevator trip to the Kennedy Center terrace to enjoy the breathtaking view of the monuments and Virginia's skyline.

Primi Piatti

If this isn't a first date or you don't want to feel the pressure of a heavily romantic restaurant, then I suggest Primi Piatti, 2013 I St., N.W., in Foggy Bottom. This restaurant serves authentic northern Italian food with an upbeat modern atmosphere. The waiters and, especially, the maître d' will make you both feel like royalty.

Primi Piatti's dishes are unique and inviting. I recommend the grilled tuna with pinenuts and raisins in a red wine sauce. The menu is also filled with classic desserts, such as the heavenly light and flavorful tiramisu, complemented by a wonderful house blend coffee.

Between the food and the service, you will leave this restaurant feeling like a million bucks after only spending \$11-\$19 per dish. Request a table by the open kitchen where you can watch chef Steve Scott cook his masterpieces in an entertaining manner, involving lots of fire and fish flipping.

There are plenty of places to go afterward from this convenient location in Foggy Bottom. There are always the monuments, especially Lincoln at the Reflection Pool or Jefferson at the tidal basin. If you're looking to do more than walk, try ice-skating at the Sculpture Garden Ice Rink, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Don't forget to hold her hand so she doesn't fall.

Wherever the night may take you, make your date feel like a queen. Make her a mix tape with plenty of U2, Peter Gabriel and Eric Clapton music. If it's raining, hold an umbrella over her. Pull out her chair at the table. If all goes well, you'll never have to worry about being dateless on Valentine's Day again.

Fools Rush In is cute, but insubstantial

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Tennant tried to create two lovable romantics.

What he ended up with is a decent amount of chemistry between Perry and Hayek, but Perry's performance is lacking something. Maybe he is too cynical and biting for his own good. Or maybe he's just playing the Chandler Bing — a man who some wonder is a homosexual or asexual — on the big screen.

Fools Rush In is still the best bet for Valentine's Day weekend, unless disaster films such as *Dante's Peak* get you going in a strangely erotic way. In any case, while you shouldn't rush to the theaters for *Fools Rush In*, this "cute" movie is somewhat of a romantic treat. *Fools Rush In* opens in theaters Friday.

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Prices: A little steep, but nothing astronomical.
Food: Nope. You're right in the middle of Adams Morgan, though, so plenty of options are nearby.
Dancing: The main attraction. Last year they doubled the size of Heaven's dance floor, and DJs are spinning tunes just about every night of the week.
Pick-ups: "Hey, honey, is that a real Izod?"
Pluses: They play "The Safety Dance." (Which reminds the Bar Belle, when is Sputnik Fly going to bring that one out again?)
Minuses: You have to get there early, particularly on Thursdays, when a line forms down the block by 11 p.m.

The Bar Belle found a mention of Heaven and Hell in a back issue of The Hatchet, where a reviewer suggested that "Hell is better." Hmm. The Bar Belle's tried them both, and she can't agree. If you like sitting in a narrow, dark bar listening to gloomy bands perform their angst-ridden, Mazzy Star-esque compositions, then more power to ya. But the Bar Belle suggests you take the trip upstairs to Heaven.

Heaven is like the fourth grade. No, don't stop reading! The Bar Belle means to say that Heaven is like fourth grade with alcohol and taller boys. The fourth grade may have sucked, but the music of the era didn't. And every Thursday night, Heaven takes its dancing denizens back to the '80s with one of the most popular theme nights in the District. The DJs play everything from "Tainted Love" and "Come on Eileen" to the music that artist made when he was formerly known as Prince.

Three bars around the dance floor supply drinks, and some kind of beer is usually on special. When the weather heats up, Heaven opens the back terrace (complete with a fourth bar) for dancers wanting to take a break and cool off.

Heaven is fun, but it's big and crowded, too. A friend of the Bar Belle described it as "a step above the Cellar" in terms of meat-marketability, so consider yourself warned. The Bar Belle recommends you stick with friends while there. It's probably best to venture up to Heaven and Hell in a good-sized group, since you'll have to cab it there and back anyway. Such a nostalgic evening will be a lot more fun with all your friends, too.

Movies for every Valentine's Day romantic status

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For the Dearly Divided who yearn to forget the past:

- *Thelma and Louise* – Kick back with your fav feminist friend and bash away at men. Stars Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis.
- *Boys on the Side* – Three women take a cross-country ride running from the law, sexuality and AIDS. Stars Whoopi Goldberg, Drew Barrymore and Mary-Louise Parker.
- *Stand By Me* – Perhaps you never did get a leech down your pants, but Wil Wheaton, River Phoenix, Jerry O'Connell and Corey Feldman make you believe you could have.
- *The Breakfast Club* – Yes, it has some romance, but nothing real enough to make you think of your own broken one. Stars everyone from the '80s – Emilio Estevez, Judd Nelson, Molly Ringwald, Anthony Michael Hall, Ally Sheedy and Paul Gleason.
- *Smoke* – A deep, introspective movie that takes place in a cigar shop. Stars William Hurt, Harvey Keitel and Forest Whitaker.

For Superior Solos who have strong hearts:

- *Legends of the Fall* – This epic (meaning terribly long) film demonstrates what can happen to a family when a woman's feminine wiles divide brothers. Stars Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins, Aidan Quinn and Julia Ormond.
- *The Man in the Moon* – Even though this is a romantic weeper, if you have a strong heart and a sister, you need to watch it.
- *The Prince of Tides* – It's Barbra Streisand in her glory whether you like her or not. Also stars Nick Nolte.

For Superior Solos who have strong stomachs:

- *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* – If you ever wanted to follow two drag queens and a transsexual across the Australian outback, here's your movie. Caution: If you have a strong aversion to ABBA or lip-synching with outrageous costumes, DO NOT rent this movie!
- *Priest* – A real tear-jerker that will shed new light on forgiveness and faith. Defy the Pope this Valentine's Day!
- *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* – You'll need a group to do the "Time Warp" with, so plan accordingly. Stars Susan Sarandon, Tim Curry and Meatloaf.
- *Leaving Las Vegas* – This is for every sado-masochist who needs a fix on Valentine's Day. These two dead-enders will leave you pained in the fetal position. (People say Aphrodite was fond of whipping, so indulge.) Stars Nicolas Cage and Elisabeth Shue.
- *Natural Born Killers* – A story of love that will rip your heart out along with your stomach and your throat and your eyes. If you don't know who stars in it, Bob Dole must be your father.

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WRTV AM 600, You are my life. I love you with all my heart.

G-Money - You make me feel kinda funny; Like when we'd climb the rope in gym class. Love, J-Doggs

Adam - At least we're alone together.

To RM; I'm sleepless in Seattle. Love always, Ragi

Clever Teal: The roses were perfect, just like you. If only you knew where it would lead. Here's to a wonderful like together! Love, Carrie

Stretch Baby, You're my sunshine, my only sunshine. Let's play skeeball and eat grilled cheese sandwiches sometime. You're the only woman for me. Kisses, Tan Man

How do you talk to an angel? We didn't get around to exchanging phone numbers, but I would really like to see you again. I left my # at the Hatchet.

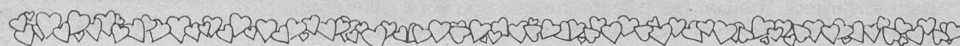
To my dearest Michael - you are the love that comes around once in a lifetime. I love you and miss you always - Andrea.

To my Tim-O-T, thanks for all the tears, hugs, laughter and kisses. In my life, I love you more. Love, your Becca.

Missed connection. Hi this is Dan, the bearded guy you met while waiting for our coat after the Inaugural Ball. You were the beautiful, immaculately dressed, tall, blond woman from Oklahoma. We talked about school, travel and other subjects. Your beauty and charm attracted me but also made me feel a bit intimidated.

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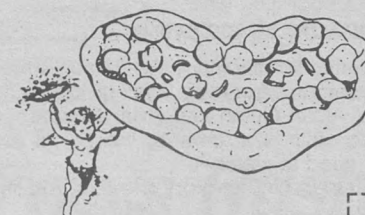
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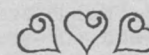


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lot, a lot, huh-huh, all the time!"
- Michael

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meno mangiamo al ristorante
Italiano!

Elizabeth - I'll miss you lots

next year! Happy Valentine's
Day! Love always, JW

Eli - I hate to admit it, but I'm
much happier this way... this
year.

Ginzee - Thank you for a great
6 months. I can't wait for our e-
saver getaway. You have
made me the happiest I've
ever been! Will you be my
Valentine? Love, Dave

Dear Allison - You know we've
been together a long time
when I've run out of things to
say in Hatchet valentines. So,
I guess, in our last Hatchet
valentine I'll just say I love you.
Love, Jim

Boo and Goobers, sittin' in a

tree, K-I-S-S-I-N-G. First
comes love, then comes law
school. Then... who knows?
But together we can handle it.
Happy Valentine's Day.

Steve - Happy Valentine's
Day. I love you. - Alli

Dear Randy, I wanted to
remind you of a few things you
already know. You mean so
much to me, and you make me
feel so special. I love you and
you're always on my mind.
Love always, Monique

To Melina: Happy Valentine's
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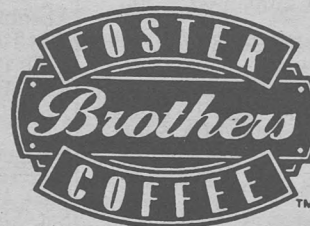
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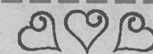
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Small film shows the circles of life

BY TRYG OLSEN
WEEKEND WRITER

Every once in a while, a small film is released that isn't all that popular, doesn't have any special effects and doesn't have a TV commercial on during the Super Bowl. It's usually a movie with a few stars but not a lot of hullabaloo, yet keeps getting announced on Oscar night.

For 1997, that movie will be *Unhook the Stars* (Miramax). *Unhook the Stars* is the story of Mildred (Gena Rowlands, *Gloria*), a housewife with an empty house. Her children have moved out and have lives of their own, and her husband has passed away. Mildred desperately looks for something to care for, but can't find anything.

One day later Mildred's door rings. Her new neighbor Monica (Marisa Tomei, *My Cousin Vinny*) and her son J.J. are looking for a babysitter. Happy to have someone to care for again, Mildred agrees to take care of J.J. while Monica works double shifts at her job.

Mildred slowly brings J.J. out of his introspective shell and into a normal childhood, while filling the hole in her life at the same time. As Monica progresses deeper and deeper into alcoholism, J.J. rises into blessed normalcy and eventually takes over a paper route.

In a strange but poignant aside in the film, Mildred and Monica go boozing and man-hunting one night. As Tomei's Monica is pawed at by two or three men at a time, Mildred quietly converses with a middle-aged truck driver, who is intrigued and attracted to her. For the first time in *Unhook the Stars*, Mildred's identity is self-created, rather than formed by the people she cares for.

The only mistake made in *Unhook the Stars* is the casting of Gerard Depardieu (*Green Card*) as the truck driver. Depardieu has no idea how to play a philosophical trucker and looks tremendously out of place in a seedy country western bar.

Unhook the Stars is really about circles of life. Mildred finally starts to have her own circle. Monica's life comes full circle during the movie. Even the actors' lives are cyclical. Rowlands' son, Nick Cassavetes, directed *Unhook the Stars*.

Unhook the Stars isn't flashy, it isn't complex, it doesn't have a new scene with Jabba the Hut and it doesn't have a big, sexy cast. But it is a beautiful statement about life and about how people live it. *Unhook the Stars* opens in theaters Friday.

Ice Cube film dissolves into meaningless chaos

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Once Vusi is reunited with his family, he discovers that his younger brother Steven has gotten involved with drugs and has put himself in danger by double-crossing the leader of a dangerous criminal cartel.

Joined by his brother's girlfriend (model Elizabeth Hurley), the two sift their way through the South African underworld to find Steven. As they do, they discover that the mean streets of Johannesburg are no different than those of the United States.

The movie starts off promisingly. The idea of an Americanized young man thrown back into a South African environment is quite original. The culture clash is extremely fun and interesting to watch. But this fades fast.

What could have been a new, unique story that shows the huge differences in culture and viewpoints

between two different societies quickly turns into nothing more than an urban war between Vusi, trying to find his place in the world, and the belligerent drug dealer (Ving Rhames, *Pulp Fiction*), who killed Vusi's brother. The freshness of the film disappears as soon as this part of the story begins.

Of course, Rhames is always a trip to watch, but the part is too small for him and the character not developed enough to show his full acting potential. Ice Cube is quite good, but too often he launches into political babble about the wrongs done to African Americans in the United States. It appears to be out of place and doesn't flow with the film.

Lastly, the music was way too contrived. The editors tried too hard to cram rap into the film. Most of what is played seems out of place or inappropriate. *Dangerous Ground* is now showing in theaters.



Ice Cube and Elizabeth Hurley take on the mean streets of Johannesburg in *Dangerous Ground*.

Election 1997

In their own words ...

Election 1997

Student Association President

Jeff Butler: Attention All Freshmen And Sophomore Students. You Are The Future Of This University. Vote For Someone Who's Looking Out For Our Future, And Will Be Here To See That Future. I Am That Someone, I Am You. It's Time For Real Change And Reform Of The SA. Vote For Butler.

Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar: It is time for change in the Student Association. Elect someone who has continuously fought for you and has brought you everything he had promised. An honest, sincere, and caring individual with the leadership to take the SA in the right direction. Elect Q Golparvar for SA President. Check out

Andrew Lewis: Ability. Dedication. Leadership. That is what I will bring to SA President. My 39-point platform calls for building on the success of our student government. As President, I will fight for student concerns and take the achievements of the SA even further. Vote Andrew Lewis for SA President.

Terry Miller: In this election there are five candidates, but only two choices. Somewhere in the mess of SA politics, the students were lost. Elections preempted issues, infighting outdid cooperation, and backroom dealing dominated dialogue. I offer you the second choice: replace the status quo. I offer you New Priorities and New

Adam Siple: Let's bring this campus together as one voice to effectively articulate the concerns of the students. As Chair of the Senate's Student Life Committee, I have helped make this happen through issue awareness forums and by bringing undergraduate and graduate students together. Leadership experience: RHA, Senate Chair, ROTC.
<http://gwis2.circ.gwu.edu/~acsiple>

Student Association Executive Vice President

Jahna Hartwig: As a candidate for EVP, I offer you experienced leadership and practical leadership and practical solutions to student problems. My primary goal as EVP will be to increase

the effectiveness of the Senate through better outreach to students, greater accountability of Senators to their constituencies and more cooperation between the

Kirti Patel: I believe that student government CAN work at GW. My candidacy is about improving existing SA programs, and bringing new ones to light. I want to return student government to the STUDENTS. I hope that on election day, you won't settle for politics as usual and vote KP for EVP!

Tony Sayegh: I foresee the role of the Student Association as an all encompassing body blanketing all aspects of campus life. We all need to work together in common cause, in order to find the solutions that serve to strengthen our University. Through a spirit of cooperation and unity we can produce

Program Board Executive Chair

Thanh Nguyen: I've been with PB for three years. I've been a volunteer, an office assistant, a programming chair, and an executive officer. I've gained many experiences that will enable me to do a fantastic job as Executive Chair. I am committed and I am the best candidate for the job.

Soraya Tabibi: A vote for me is a vote for experience in dealing with both students and administration, proven quality programming to the GW community, dedication to the diverse wants of the student body, improved communication and co-sponsorship with student groups, increased promotion of events, and the most fun you'll ever have.

Program Board Vice Chair

Heather Matthews: I am running for Program Board Executive Vice Chair. I see it as my responsibility to bring the Program Board to you by actively recruiting your input through surveys and meetings held in the residence halls, and by programming the events you want to see.

Marvin Center Governing Board

Jeff Baxter: I have two very simple goals. First,

make the MCGB a true "governing" board, not a group that simply rubber-stamps administrative decisions; policies made by the MCGB must carry weight with the administration. Second, reduce the amount of space given to the administration, and give it to student groups.

Amina Chaudary: I feel that the diversity on our campus should proudly be reflected in our governing body at GW. I hope to give the Marvin Center completely back to the students, encourage recycling, supporting a non-voting freshman seat in MCGB, and gain support and be open to suggestions through our newsletters.

Patrick Lincoln: As students we need a place to call our own. I will ensure that our student union, the Marvin Center, has both student oriented services and areas in which to relax. We, as GW students, desire and deserve community. A true Student Union can help to accomplish that. Please email

Undergraduate Senator At Large

Patrick Macmanus: I believe that I can bring to the Senate a sense of creativity, professionalism and experience. We have issues like reforming the counseling center, library accessibility, timely escort service, as well as insuring that your Senator knows you. These must be dealt with. On election day, we begin ... together.

Carrie Potter: Committed, Experienced, Innovative. Better communication between student leaders, administration, and students. Improve student relations with community, through current projects such as the community service book. Improve the quality of programs rather than quantity.

Patrick Preston:
Qualified: United States Senate Intern, Riverside Hall Vice President, Hatchet Staff Writer, WRGW Host
Ideas & Solutions: Remove Sophomores from meal plan, open up Smith Center, create on-line campus news, change student group funding
Humor: Patrick Preston has Qualified Ideas & Solutions. More importantly, he drinks coca-cola.

Undergraduate Columbian School Senator

Jason Haber: I would work to make the SA more accessible to everyone, investigate the financial aid office, and find a car rental service which would give discounts to students. These are real solutions to real problems. Vote Jason Haber, CSAS Senator. It's time for a solution.

Cat Sadler: I think that every students' voice at GW matters, one of our greatest strengths is our diversity. I want to concentrate on improved communication between the SA and every student and every student organization. With this improved communication, perhaps something even better can happen here.

Columbian School Graduate Senator

Emily Cummins: Thanks to those of you who helped me make this year so successful in promoting graduate student issues. I encourage my fellow Columbian grads to voice themselves even more vociferously. Please vote next week to support the best President to bring us together: Adam Siple. We can sway the vote

James McArdle: Hello fellow CSAS Graduate Students. The past year has seen a tremendous surge in graduate student interest in many aspects of campus life. This is an exciting and new time for us, but there is potential for much more. Let's ensure this strengthening trend continues by making our voices heard

Elliott School Undergraduate Senator

Mark Levin: As your senator, my major goal is to reduce the student apathy here at GW. I will rewrite the Student Association Constitution, make the Judicial Affairs more democratic, and push for a larger and more efficient Financial Aid Office. For the Elliot School, I want to lower the core

School of Medicine Senator

Tara Balsley: SMHS students, graduate and undergraduate, are a part of the University, even though it seems we are sometimes forgotten. I want to be the eyes and ears of the students, we need to be informed and recognition needs to be increased among the student body.

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Proposed Red Cross move worries residents

Residents say U.S. headquarters could block light, traffic

BY MELANIE KRON
HATCHET REPORTER

Plans are in the works to move the American Red Cross National Headquarters from Great Falls, Va., to the site that houses the Red Cross' Washington chapter at 2025

E St., N.W.

The relocation proposal was originally scheduled to be heard last Thursday at the meeting of the National Capital Planning Commission, but was removed from the agenda.

Jack Batham, president of the

West End Citizens Association, said, "The NCPC deferred any ruling" on the relocation proposal. The ruling scheduled for Thursday will take place in March, he said.

Residents of Foggy Bottom and members of the GW community are worried the demolition and subse-

quent reconstruction of the E Street building may cause problems with traffic as well as blocking light to area apartment buildings.

"The architects are doing some revisions and have had a couple of meetings with the Red Cross," Batham said. "The people in the neighborhood do not want the building built because it is too large and blocks air and light."

"The people who live nearby may be blocked as far as light," said Ellie Becker, editor of the Foggy Bottom News. "Maybe they will compromise and make it smaller, and move it away."

"My major concern is the noise and other environmental issues," said Tal Muscal, a resident of the Potomac Park apartment building. "I am afraid that when they start construction it will detract from the way 21st Street looks."

"It is a little out of place to move it to GW's campus. It will detract from the whole campus atmosphere," said GW student Melissa Gordon, a resident of the Statesman apartment building.

"You're going to hear pounding and digging," Muscal said. "The people on 21st Street already have to contend with being in the flight path of National (Airport). I think construction will be even worse — the noise will start early in the morning and end late at night."

Re-routing traffic through Foggy Bottom, and the GW campus, both are built into the blue-

print for the proposed site.

Architects at Shalom Baranes Associates also have worked parking into the plan. According to Clark H. Dean, of Julien J. Studley, Inc., the real estate consulting firm that is working on the project, a parking lot with 300 to 400 parking spaces will be under the building.

"We think this is a good building, it is a compromise building," Dean said.

"As far as historic architecture goes, the preservationists look at this as a 'facadectomy,'" Dean said. "Each brick will be taken down, numbered and placed on the strategic places on the front of the building."

Dean said the Red Cross recognizes it has to deal with a lot of issues, including historical preservation, the interests of the residents and traffic through Foggy Bottom.

According to the Jan. 28 blue print revision, the top of the building will be constructed to allow air and light to get to the Statesman and Empire apartment buildings.

"The loading docks behind the building will be covered and underground, as a courtesy to residents. The way it was built allows for it to be 'open,'" Dean said.

No date has been set for the ground-breaking of the relocated national headquarters building. According to Dean, construction may begin as soon as 1999 or 2000.

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Judges accept wider range of JEC power

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been part of the JEC charter "as far back as can be documented," Norin said.

"The plaintiff abused the rules," he added. "His actions gave him a huge advantage, and he should be held accountable."

JEC members said they were concerned that if no fines could be assessed for violations committed outside the official election season, then candidates would simply choose to do as much campaigning as possible outside that official period.

The JEC also argued that by turning in campaign materials for approval, Lewis was tacitly declaring his candidacy even though he had not yet officially filed. Petron, however, said Lewis was "acting out of convenience," and that turning in the materials was not a declaration of candidacy.

JEC members said they were pleased with the decision, adding they felt it would help strengthen

the power of the JEC.

"This is a great leap forward for the JEC in legitimizing and codifying elections," JEC Chair Chris Moody said. "This ensures fair and equal process to every candidate at any time."

JEC member Jeff Carroll said if Lewis wishes, he can appeal to the JEC based on the merits of the case against him. However, Lewis said he did not plan to appeal, but rather to use his time to step up his campaign.

"With six days left, my focus is on winning," Lewis said Wednesday. "I have the option of appealing, but I think I'll let it lie."

Lewis now has 40 points on his record. Ten more points would disqualify him from the race.

Lewis added that he was disappointed by the decision. "I'm very interested in hearing what the court's rationale was," he said. "Giving the JEC that liberal authority is disappointing to me ... where are the bounds of that authority?"



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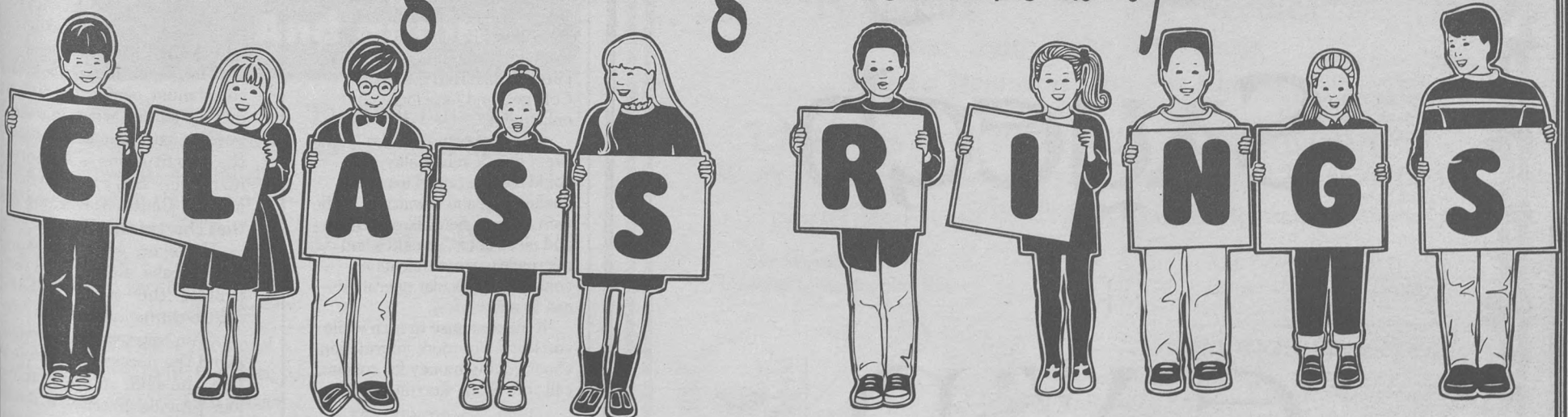
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Court ruling favors McKenna

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"The court did what the court saw as fit," JEC Chair Chris Moody said. "We will abide by the ruling of the court and we will make every effort to make this a smooth and productive elections season."

"It was unconstitutional what they were trying to do," Gayoski

said. "The key wasn't whether 50 or 40 percent was better or worse."

"If anyone was to take a constitutional law class they would understand the constitutionality of the issue," McKenna said. "I feel that they had poor chances."

"They were very well organized on whether 50 percent was better than 40 percent, and their opinion of that," Stephens said. "But I don't think that was a viable argument in this case."



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The Student Court made a concerted effort to make it clear that it will play a dominant role in campus elections.

Student Court stands firm in its authority

BY JARED SHER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Student Court firmly established its role in the campus-election process with two landmark decisions this week.

The court first stopped the Joint Elections Committee from interpreting a clause in the Student Association that set the threshold for getting elected without a runoff.

But in a more groundbreaking decision, the court upheld the JEC's authority to govern candidates even before they file a declaration of candidacy. Although the

court's written opinion for Lewis JEC is not yet available, the unanimous decision indicates broad support for the JEC's power to regulate all aspects of the campus elections.

Presidential candidate Andrew Lewis was fined by the JEC for actions that took place before the group's final rules were made available and before he filed a declaration to be a candidate.

The court seemed to indicate that students who campaign as candidates regardless of whether they file official paperwork.

"It's landmark — it's a good precedent to set," SA Executive Vice President Dianne Gayoski said. "It's unfortunate that Andrew was the brunt of the change ... but it's good for general campus politics."

Chief Judge Tom Boer acknowledged the court's willingness to become a more important player in the election process.

"The court plays a very important role on campus," he said, reaffirming that position. Boer added that at least two-thirds of the court's cases are election-related, giving even more emphasis to the decisions.

"Both of the decisions are highly significant. Both will have impact on the way elections will run in the future," he said.

The chief judge also said the court must perform a difficult balancing act in weighing the JEC's need to run smooth elections with the constitutions of the three organizations — SA, Program Board and Marvin Center Governing Board — that charter the JEC.

However, when the court does hear a case, Boer said it serves to protect the student body from future confusion.

"The court would like to try to avoid the necessity of future litigation," he said, adding that its opinions provide direction to future students on what actions are legal.

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Diverse student body calls for SA outreach

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campus leaders from the PB, Student Association and Marvin Center Governing Board as well as leaders of minority student groups was a positive start.

However, Salinas added, "I think it's a campaign phenomenon, when every single person is no longer a person, but a vote." He said he hoped the candidates would continue their commitment to minority groups even when they do not need the votes.

Former president of the Indian Students Association Shalin Desai said the "voice of international students is under-represented by the SA."

"We get more of a response from our own (cultural) organizations," Desai, a senior, said of minority students' attempts to have their concerns addressed.

"I don't think I've voted (in student elections) in my three years here," he added.

Akosua Walker, president of the Black Peoples' Union, said through co-sponsorship of a variety of programming, the SA and PB help promote the interests of their minority constituents.

She lauded Salinas and Jason Honey, PB's multicultural affairs chair, as "real advocates" for "multicultural perspectives."

On the other hand, she said she has been "disappointed" by the SA's advocacy and awareness" for and of minority students.

She said the SA needs to make an effort to reach out to minority student organizations, and that these organizations must reach back.

Walker, a senior, said she decided early on "that she wanted to be a force in the Black Peoples' Union, but explained that her leadership Executive did not extend to the SA.

Minority students may look for something that they're comfortable with and enjoy every aspect of. There are certain elements of the SA that don't appeal," she explained.

Salinas said the key to increasing not just the amount of minority voices heard by student government, but the number of actual minority

candidates for office, is getting them involved from the beginning of their GW careers.

"If not a positive role model, I hope that I can at least be positive reinforcement" for minority students, Salinas said. They should know they're "just as capable as any other student out there."

Salinas said efforts are underway to establish a permanent Latino and Asian presence on the Student Leadership Team. Only four of the representatives of the board, which meets once a month with administrators to share their concerns, are minorities, he explained. The board now includes 13 student leaders.

The Black Peoples' Union, represented by Walker, and the International Student Society, represented by Julia Castelloni, are the only seats established for minority student groups. That he and Anjelious Farmer, the SA's vice president for graduate student policy, are minorities is merely a fortunate coincidence, he said.

"We are here, and we're not going to be marginalized," Salinas said.

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Harvard University and Georgetown University. It also was sent to an editor at a newspaper in Salisbury, Md., state legislators in Massachusetts and Vermont and U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno.

"It was horrifying to me," GW English professor Susan Willens said. "Unfortunately, so many of these accusations are clichés. It is upsetting that ... some crazies ... are perpetuating these myths and they are using our names."

All the letters have had postmarks from Chicago and Irving Park, Ill., Weiss said.

"This surfaced about a year ago. It is targeted at random faculty across the Eastern seaboard. There doesn't seem to be a particular rhyme or reason.

This has been focused on the academic community. It is a hard thing to pin down. There is nothing other than the postmark which indicates the sources. Until you identify something, you don't really know what their motives are," said David Friedman, director of the ADL's Washington office.

"We just got a call this week from someone from Virginia Tech in the psychology department. We are monitoring who has received it. It appears extremely random," said Laura Kam, a spokesperson for the ADL's Washington office. "It has been happening for a couple of years. We find the text to be distressing and containing inaccuracies. We know it is hurtful to people who receive it. We don't believe there is any physical threat. It is not illegal to send these out."

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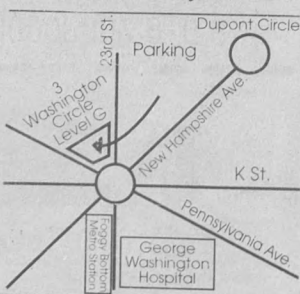
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SPORTS

GW finishes off ODU in front of drowsy Smith Center fans

Colonials again lose lead but hang on, win 68-63

BY MATT BONESTEEL
SPORTS EDITOR

During the latter stages of Tuesday night's men's basketball game between GW and Old Dominion at the Smith Center, it looked as if the Colonials would once again show one of their now-patented second half collapses.

After all, GW had again surrendered a double-digit lead and again could not hit a field goal to save its life. On top of all that was the fact that the crowd of 3,426 was not exactly the impassioned throng the Colonials were used to.

But despite all of the negatives, GW held on to take the 68-63 win, which may show that the Colonials are, in fact, learning from past mistakes.

"I knew we were going to win," GW head coach Mike Jarvis said. "We've been in so many of these games, it's the norm."

The Colonials won the game at the foul line, hitting 11 of their last 13 shots from the charity stripe. They made 81 percent of their foul shots for the game.

ODU had cut the GW lead to 62-61 with 1:47 to play when Monarch forward Odell Hodge hit a short fade-away jumper, but J.J. Brade and Shawnta Rogers hit four free throws while Andrei Krivonos made a key defensive play, forcing

a five-second call on ODU point guard Brion Dunlop. Brade then grabbed a big offensive rebound and GW was able to cruise from there.

Offensive rebounds were another key to the Colonials' victory, as they grabbed 25 offensive boards for the game and 49 rebounds total — 13 more than the Monarchs. The Colonials did all this despite the absence of center Alexander Koul, who fouled out with 5:50 to go, finishing with five points and 10 rebounds.

Rogers picked up the slack, pulling down 12 rebounds while scoring 14 points. Half of his points came from the foul line, where he hit seven of eight.

"Offensive rebounds really hurt us in critical situations," ODU head coach Jeff Capel said. "Shawnta Rogers is a tough player to prepare for and to play against. He comes up with every loose ball."

The Colonials dominated play in the first half, taking a 13-point lead with 4:14 to go in the half. But the Monarchs began to heat up as the half ended and were able to cut the GW lead to only six points when the buzzer sounded.

ODU continued the pressure in the second half as the Colonials went ice-cold from the field. But the Monarchs were never able to take the lead despite shooting 53.6

percent from the field in the second half, compared to the 25 percent the Colonials shot.

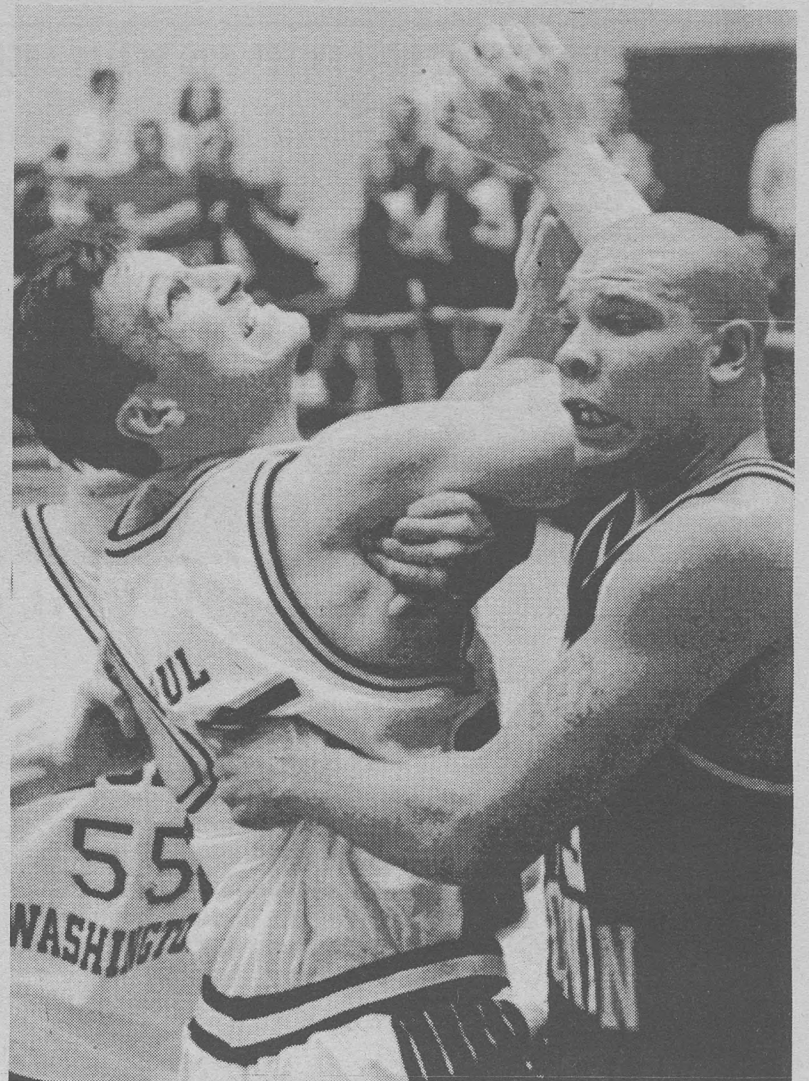
Brade came up strong for GW, as he started in place of Yegor Mescheriakov, who was fighting a bad cold. He finished with 12 points and a career-high nine rebounds. The sophomore swingman said the win shows that GW has not given up on the season.

"It shows that we are learning from our mistakes," Brade said. "We took a good look at ourselves. Everyone knows what they have to do to be successful."

"J.J.'s on trial. I'm trying to find out if he's learning," Jarvis said. "He did well. He played with composure and played with enthusiasm and controlled it the way he has to."

Both Mescheriakov and Seco Camara came off the bench to score 11 points for GW. Hodge led the Monarchs with 22 points on 9-19 shooting from the field. Forward Mark Poag added 15, while Cal Bowdler came off the bench and hit seven of nine shots from the field, finishing with a loud 15.

Next up for the Colonials is an important Atlantic 10 game with Xavier, which sits atop the A-10 West Division. The game is Saturday at noon and will be televised by ESPN.



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

GW's Alexander Koul and Old Dominion's Odell Hodge battled inside throughout Tuesday's game at the Smith Center. Hodge won the individual battle with Koul, but GW won the game, 68-63.

Krivonos, Brade come up big in win over ODU

BY DAVE MANN
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

GW men's basketball head coach Mike Jarvis has called his team's recent losses in close games "learning experiences." If GW's 68-63 win over Old Dominion Tuesday night was any indication, the lessons are beginning to sink in, particularly for Andrei Krivonos and J.J. Brade.

Tuesday's game looked familiar for most of the game. The Colonials were shooting poorly and were watching a second half lead slowly slip away. The 3,426 fans in the Smith Center had seen this before in close GW losses to Xavier, St. Joseph's, Massachusetts and Virginia Tech. But this game ended differently.

The Colonials overcame 25 percent second half shooting with clutch free throw shooting and tough defense to hold on for the win, which may be an indication that the young Colonials are learning how to win close games.

"We've been in so many of these games it's almost become the norm, but I thought we'd win this one," Jarvis said.

GW shot 81 percent from the free throw line for the game, mak-

ing 17 of 22 foul shots in the second half to hold off two Old Dominion runs. The GW defense also intensified in the closing minutes.

After Old Dominion forward Mark Poag hit a three-pointer to cut the GW lead to three points, the Colonial defense held off the Monarchs. Krivonos spearheaded the attack, forcing Poag into a five-second violation and a critical turnover in the final minute. Krivonos also tied a career high with eight points.

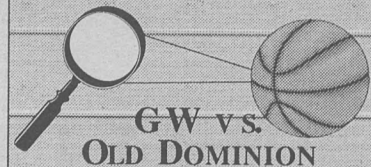
Another key contributor to the win was the resurgent

Brade. The sophomore forward started in place of Mescheriakov and scored 12 points to go along with a career-high nine rebounds.

Brade said the win over Old Dominion shows GW is learning how to win close games. "It took a few too many games for us to learn, I would have liked to have learned earlier," Brade said. "I think it shows we're learning from our mistakes."

"J.J. Brade is on trial," Jarvis said. "I have to find out how he's going to perform, especially in pressure situations, so tonight was a little bit of an extra test for one J.J. Brade. He did well."

A CLOSER LOOK AT:



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Andrei Krivonos' tough defense and eight points helped GW grind out a victory against Old Dominion.

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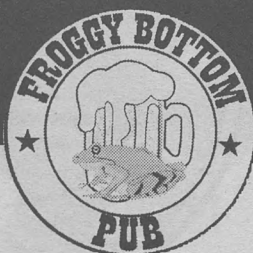
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Xavier (8-14, 3-9)

Last game: Defeated Duquesne, 70-68, Feb. 10

Xavier has had one of the weirder seasons in the Atlantic 10 this year. The Lady Musketeers' win over Duquesne Monday was in sharp contrast to their game with Duquesne in January, which was a 32-point loss. Regardless of which Xavier team shows up against GW, it will have a tough time dealing with GW's experience and size. The Musketeers start just one senior, Kristin Stuckenberg, who is also the only starter over six-feet tall. Xavier was whipped by GW 88-60 when the teams met last month.

Xavier at GW, Thursday, 7 p.m. at the Smith Center



PROBABLE STARTERS

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ABRAHAM SENIOR		C	20.0	7.4
MC CREA SENIOR		G	6.2	3.5
EGLESTON FRESH.		G	3.9	2.4

George Washington (18-4, 12-0)

Last game: Defeated Fordham, 59-35, Feb. 10

The Colonial Women's dream of an undefeated mark in the Atlantic 10 is coming closer to fruition. With Xavier coming to town, expect GW to simply keep doing what has helped it win 11 straight games – inside offense and tough team defense. Noelle Gomez and Tajama Abraham continue to be one of the toughest inside duos in America, while the defense has been forcing turnovers at a dizzying rate. Marlo Egleston will probably start because Chasity Myers has a sore left knee.

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Bright lights shine on GW after 24-point win in big city

BY BEN OSBORNE
SPORTS EDITOR

Fresh off a brilliant performance Saturday at the Smith Center against then-No. 22 Western Kentucky, the GW women's basketball team headed to New York City Monday night and dispatched Fordham, 59-35, leaving the team with a 15-game winning streak and a perfect Atlantic 10 record of 12-0 (18-4 overall).

Monday was also a big day for GW as the team finally moved into the Associated Press top 25 rankings at No. 24.

The Fordham game, which featured 37 percent field goal shooting by GW and just 25 percent by Fordham, was in stark contrast to the Colonials' 56 percent and 88 points against Western Kentucky.

"If Saturday was a Picasso, then Monday was imitation art," GW head coach Joe McKeown said of the games' differences.

It is a clear showing of the team's strength that even when the Colonial Women are a little fatigued, and also playing without star freshman Chasity Myers, as they did on Monday, they can still walk to a 24-point victory.

GW's offensive standout against the Lady Rams was junior Noelia Gomez. The Spanish forward, in her first season after transferring, continued to assert herself with a game-high 19 points, collecting nine rebounds as well. It was the eighth straight game in which Gomez scored at least 15 points.

While Gomez and senior guard Colleen McCrea (five points, four assists and 11 rebounds) took care of things at the offensive end, the Colonial Women's defense was ram-tough.

Besides holding Fordham to the miserable shooting, GW also forced 33 turnovers, including 10 by Lady Ram point guard Amy Hauser. Fordham's leading scorer was Maureen Garvey, with nine points on three of nine shooting from the field.

"We had a little let-down against Fordham, but fortunately our defense was real solid and allowed us to blow the game away," McKeown said.

The let-down was obvious at the game's outset, and with only eight minutes left in the first half, Fordham was tied with GW at 13. Not exactly what you'd expect against a team with a meager 3-9 record in the A-10 (10-12 overall).

GW closed out the half with a 16-5 run, however, as Gomez and center Tajama Abraham scored 14 of the 16 points. The lead stayed in the range of 13-20 points until the game's final minute, when GW pushed it to the final 24-point margin.

The Colonial Women were without the services of Myers due to a sore left knee. McKeown said she does not have a specific injury, but that she is feeling soreness and was held out of the game for precautionary reasons.

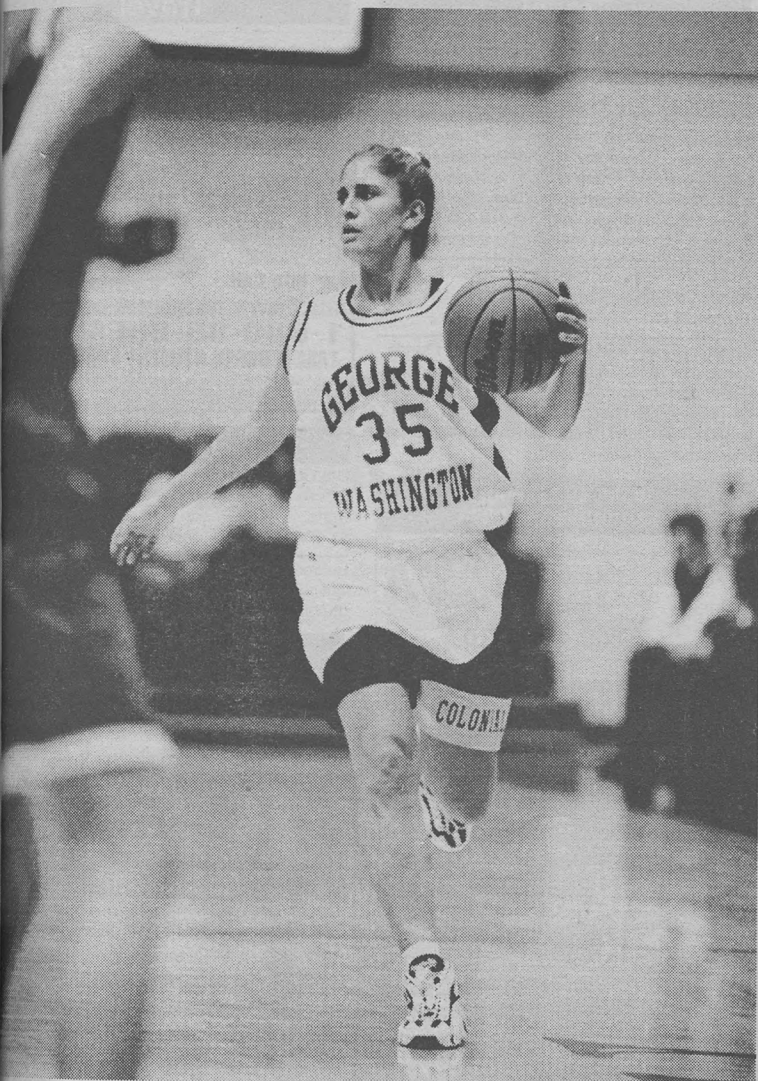
Fellow freshman Marlo Egleston started in Myers' place, scoring nine points and handing out seven assists in 35 minutes of playing time. McKeown noted Egleston's play as one of the keys to victory.

The team's new ranking was just as big to the program as the victory over Fordham. Fresh off a record-setting crowd Saturday, the ranking led to even more attention, and various TV and newspaper media visited the team's practices Tuesday and Wednesday.

McKeown felt his team deserved more attention and a national ranking in mid-January, so this week offered some vindication.

"The team really deserves it. They've been in the shadows for the past year and a half," he said. "As a coach who has been at nationally-ranked programs before, it's not a huge deal. But for the players, it really puts some pep in your step, and kind of makes them feel like they're part of something special."

The red-hot Colonial Women will put their winning streak on the line Thursday night at home, when they take on A-10 rival Xavier at 7 p.m.



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

Lisa Cermignano and the Colonial Women had a big day Monday. Besides beating Fordham for its 15th straight victory, the team moved into the Associated Press top 25 for the first time this season.

In final year, Williams hopes for NAAs

BY JON RIBA
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

Anyone who thinks the GW men's basketball team has thrown in the towel for this year should think again.

Although the team has not performed up to preseason expectations, hopes still remain high that the Colonials will finally be able to put all of the mental mistakes, poor shooting and inconsistencies behind them and reach the NCAA, not the NIT, tournament.

Team captain Ferdinand Williams, known simply as "Ferd," is the first to defend his team.

"The effort has been there all year. We have not gotten many breaks and our play has been a little inconsistent," Williams said. "As far as leadership goes, many of us lead by setting an example. You don't always have to shout and scream to be an effective leader."

Williams is just that, a leader. Easily one of the most popular and friendliest guys on campus, he is a leader both on and off the court. As the only senior on a relatively young team, Williams understands and is

willing to accept his role.

Williams will not score 15 points a game or bring down the house with a monster dunk, but he does bring to the floor an enthusiasm and love for the game that the other players look up to. This self-described "garbage man" excels at the parts of the game that do not show up in the box score such as taking charges, playing solid defense and setting solid screens. Being the team leader he is, Williams will always remain optimistic and stand up for his teammates.

Williams said Shawnta Rogers is the heart and soul of the team. "Shawnta is our floor general. He always plays taller than 5-4. He is the spark that gets the team going," Williams explained. "We look to Shawnta as our main catalyst on both the offensive and defensive end of the court. He is such a calming influence, with him on the court we feel like we can win every game."

Although he is now starting, Williams does not forget the fact that 14 players are on the team, because he came off the bench as well for a time.

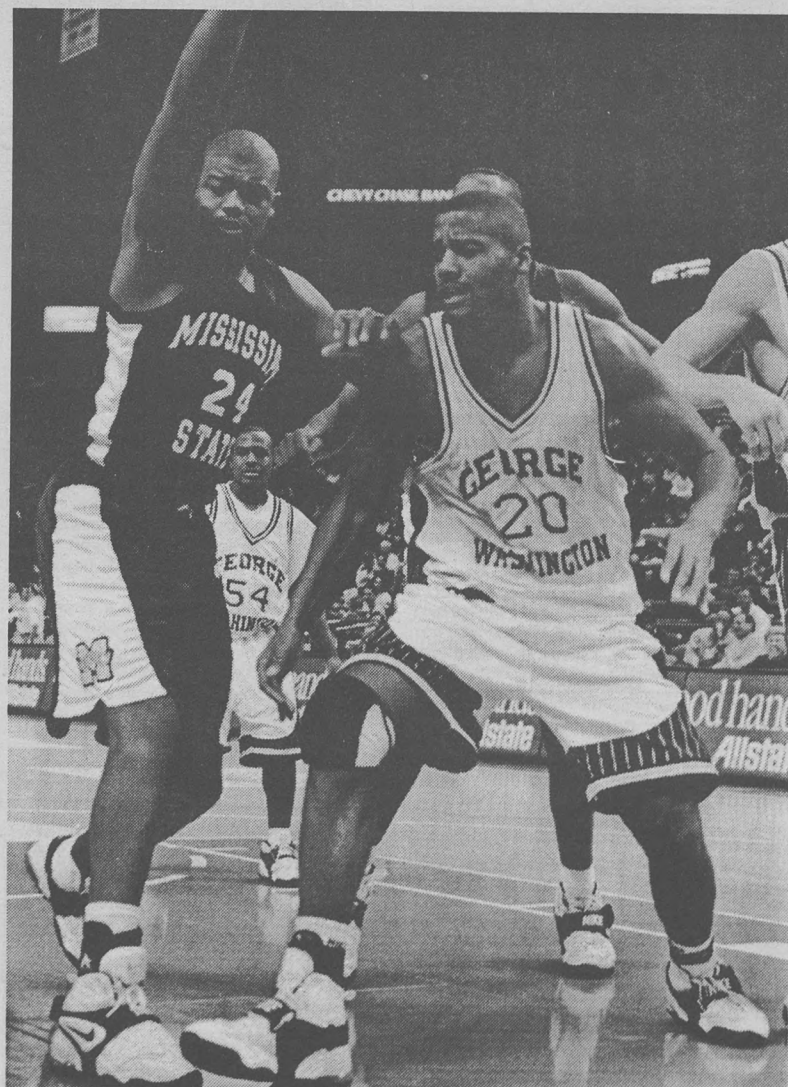
"This is a team effort. We win as

a team and lose as a team. Everybody forgets about our bench. The truth is that guys like Rasheed, Seco, Kinte, Jackson, Sam, Francisco, Darin, J.J. and Patrick (redshirt freshman Ngongba) work just as hard as everybody else, if not harder, and don't get the recognition they deserve," Williams said.

With six regular season games and the Atlantic 10 tournament left to play, Williams remembers back to when he was freshman. GW had almost the same record and was playing then-No. 25 Xavier. After a thrilling comeback win, GW went on to win six of seven games and reached the round of 32 in the NCAA Tournament. He believes the same type of scenario will play out this year.

"There is no quit in this team. I have never been around a closer team in my life. I firmly believe we will win the A-10 this year and make all the nay-sayers eat their words," Williams said.

He also has a message for all the fans. "The fan support has been great. Don't get down, stay crazy because this is the time we need you the most."



Claire Duggan/Photo Editor

GW forward Ferdinand Williams remains optimistic about his team's chances for postseason success, regardless of any problems the Colonials have had.

SPORTS BRIEFS

GW-Virginia Tech men's game a sellout

Despite the fact that GW and Virginia Tech are having disappointing seasons in men's basketball, the teams' game Feb. 20 at the Smith Center is sold out.

The game, which will be televised on Home Team Sports, will be big because the teams are jockeying for second place in the Atlantic 10's West Division. For now, GW is a half-game back of the Hokies. The top two teams in both divisions receive a first-round bye in the

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